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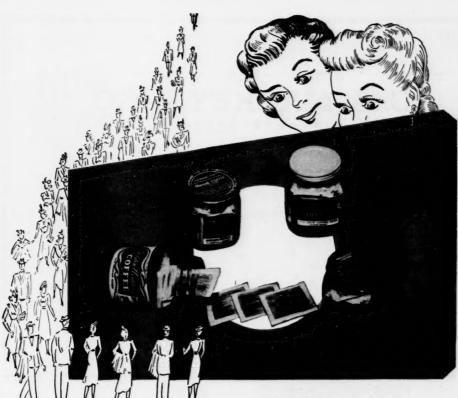
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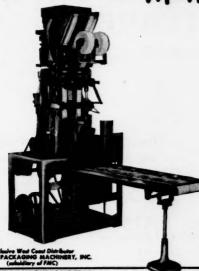


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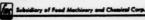
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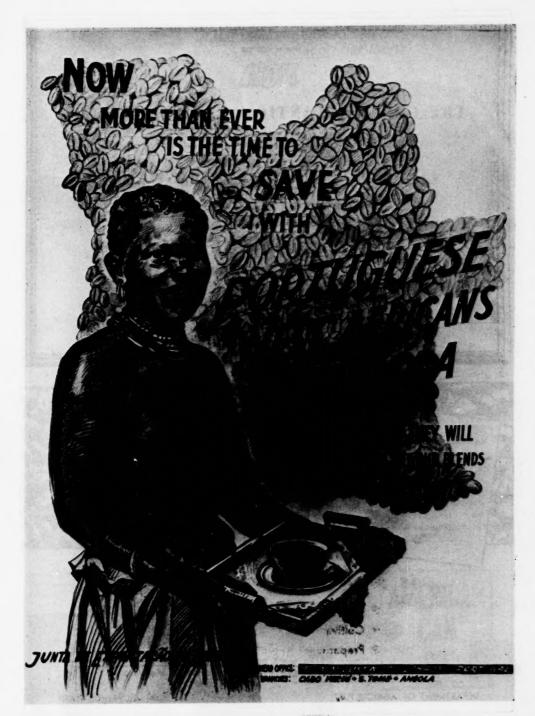
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With this in mind, we are pleased that the Pan American Coffee Bureau's new consumer publicity campaign is based upon "The Coffee Break in Industry." The idea of taking time out for coffee in business establishments has been growing steadily. It should be fostered by the trade because it offers an excellent opportunity to add to normal consumption.

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# Hitch your brand to the coffee break

As you read this, the coffee-break campaign, the most extensive coffee promotion in the 14-year history of the Pan-American Coffee Burean, is underway.

Facts about PACB's coffee-break advertising and public relations have been presented to coffee trade meetings in key cities throughout the country.

If you were not at one of those meetings—or if you were and would like a wrap-up of the presentation to refer to —this article is for you.

It's based on, and condensed from, the presentation by Charles G. Lindsay, manager of the Pan-American Coffee Bureau, to the trade gathering in New York City and in other centers.

The drive is continuous. If you, as a roaster, have not yet worked out your plans to tie in, go to it. Your brand will benefit. So will the industry.

The domestic coffee trade and the producing countries have one common objective—to increase the consumption of coffee in the United States. Your efforts in this direction are largely, and properly, devoted to the promotion of your own brands. The Pan-American Coffee Bureau undertakes another approach—tha: of attempting to expand the overall consumption of coffee—to make more people want to drink more coffee. In a nutshell, PACB is seeking to create a larger market for coffee in which all of you can share.

In order that efforts to promote coffee might be founded on a sound base, PACB has undertaken periodic and frequent consumer research projects—to find out what people are thinking about coffee, what they are doing about it, and, most especially, where are the points where promotion is most likely to result in increased coffee consumption.

## THREE WAYS TO HITCH YOUR BRAND TO THE COFFEE-BREAK CAMPAIGN

The Pan-American Coffee Bureau is making available to roasters material they can use to put the power of the coffee-break drive behind their own brands.

Here are three ways roasters can make the most of the coffee-break program:

- Provide your salesmen with coffee-break grocery store posters and shelf cards showing your brand imprint. Get your salesmen to use these, in the stores you sell, with mass displays of your coffee and related items. The display material is available at half PACB's cost.
- If you sell to restaurants, fountains or luncheonettes, order a supply of restaurant window posters and back-bar posters and offer them as a service to increase coffee sales. Note the space on the back-bar poster for your customer to write in his food feature. This display material, too, is available at half cost.
- Provide each of your salesmen with a copy of PACB's 10½ by 14 inch coffee-break announcement folder, as a "selling kit." They're free, in reasonable quantities.

The Bureau's 1952 advertising and public relations campaigns are based on just such research findings.

It is, of course, no news that 90 per cent of our population 18 years of age and over drink coffee. That is a large market, but there is room for expansion. We can go after that 10 per cent who don't drink coffee, or we can attempt to get the 90 per cent who do to drink more coffee. What do we know about that 90 per cent which might help us increase the amount of coffee they consume?

When does this 90 per cent drink their coffee? Fortythree per cent of all coffee is consumed at breakfast, with 57 per cent spread over the balance of the day—providing an opportunity to encourage heavier consumption of coffee at the other two meals and between meals.

Examining coffee drinking by age groups, we find that young people 16-to-19 average only about one and one-third cups a day, while those in the age bracket next above average two and a third cups. This suggests there's a lot of room for increased consumption among young people—another guidepost in planning.

We also know that of all the coffee consumed, 81.8 per cent is in the home, 12.3 per cent in public eating places, while 5.9 per cent is consumed at place of work. Anything we can do, then, to increase coffee drinking in the home will have the greatest overall effect upon total consumption.

But let's look also at the 5.9 per cent which is consumed at place of work. It is still low, but the facts show there is a real potential there.

The Winter, 1951, survey of coffee drinking conducted for PACB by The Psychological Corp. shows there was a 55.6 per cent increase in coffee drinking "at work" last winter as compared with the year before. This was a definite indication that between-meal use of coffee was on the way up and should be encouraged.

PACB's most recent Opinion Research Corp. study confirms the importance of between meal coffee drinking. It shows that 37 per cent of the people who drank coffee "yesterday" drank some between meals.

But the big potential appears in the 63 per cent who did not drink coffee between-meals. What could be gained by drawing this 63 per cent into the habit of between-meal-drinking?

In the first place, between-meal coffee drinkers are the heavy coffee drinkers. On the average, they drink five cups of coffee daily compared with two cups by people who drink coffee only at meals. Two of these additional cups they consume between meals, but —note this particularly—the third cup is consumed at meals. As people become greater coffee lovers, they do more drinking at meals as well as between meals. Survey evidence on this score also shows that between-meal coffee drinking is enjoyed not only by employed people, but also by housewives and non-workers; that within the employed group it is nearly equally popular among people who work in factories, offices, stores, outside or traveling, or on their own time.

Thus, all elements in the population are potential betweenmeal drinkers of coffee.

Now, wby do people drink coffee? What are the appeals of between-meal drinking? Well, 39 per cent of coffee-drinkers say they like the flavor; 37 per cent say for stimu-

lation; 29 per cent say it is a babit; and 19 per cent say coffee makes them feel better. We can logically combine the second and fourth categories, thus giving 56 per cent who actually drink coffee because it gives them a lift, provides a pickup, is stimulating.

Why should people who already drink coffee, drink more coffee? It is something they won't necessarily do of their own accord. People need, and we must give them, an excuse and reason to drink more coffee. The research results point clearly that the attitude of consumers toward coffee and the benefits they expect from it are embodied in one single word—stimulation.

Stimulation, we believe, is the key word that will open the door to increased per capita consumption of coffee. Stimulation is the reason and the excuse why people should and will drink more coffee.

How do we express stimulation, the reason and excuse, in one single promotion theme—a theme that will sell the personal benefits of coffee to all people in all situations at all times?

"Give yourself a coffee break."

Take time out for a cup of coffee. Give yourself a coffee break—it's an appeal to that 63 per cent of coffee drinkers who are not now enjoying the *stimulation* of between-meal coffee drinking.

The coffee-break idea will be sold by ads that are not only eye stoppers but are basically sound—because they are built on solid facts.

Four-color advertisements are scheduled to appear in Life and The Saturday Evening Post, the show-windows of our advertising campaign . . magazines that carry weight with consumers, the restaurant and grocery trade, and industrial management interested in the coffee break.

These magazines go into every village and town in the United States, yet even with their nine million circulation they give thin coverage. The coffee-break story is therefore being taken directly to the housewives of the country in black and white half-pages in the four leading women's service magazines—McCall's, Ladies' Home Journal, Woman's Home Companion and Good Housekeeping.

But coverage is still weak in those urban areas that contain the heaviest concentrations of population and account for the highest percentage of all food sales.

That is why a number of the most important syndicated and independent Sunday newspaper supplements, are being added including This Week, Parade and the New York Sunday News, again with black and white half-pages. The newspapers which carry these supplements have concentrated readership in the 162 most important market areas of the country, in which over 65 per cent of all food sales are made.

But one advertisement a month in each of six national magazines, and in the Sunday supplements, leaves time lapses when the public may forget. Therefore spot radio announcements are being used five days each week over 119 radio stations located in 34 cities.

Now our total potential audience consists of the 54,000,-000 families reached by our magazines and Sunday supplements, and nearly 42,000,000 radio families—upon whom we will urge, day after day, "Give yourself a coffee break, and get what coffee gives to you."

But promotional efforts do not end there. There are still the two vital links in the distribution chain that carries our product directly to the consumer—the grocer and the restaurant operator.

So we are using all the major national restaurant trade



Two of the merchandising aids in the coffee break campaign. They are available to restaurants and grocers only through coffee packers. Above: A 5 by 14 in ch window streamer for restaurants. Right: A 12 by 18 inch poster for grocery stores. Note space for brand and price imprint. These display pieces, and others, are in full color.



papers to acquaint both sit-downand counter-type operators with the coffee-break potential for increased sales for coffee and the in-between snacks that go with coffee.

Restaurant operators will be urged to tie-in with the campaign by using two attractive display pieces. Both are lithographed in full color—both carry the coffee-break theme.

The window streamer, at the top, carries an invitation to the passer-by: "Come in, give yourself a 'Coffee-Break'". It's designed to bring more patrons into the restaurant, provide the restaurant operator with the traffic he wants for coffee and for all the snacks that people buy with coffee.

The second piece is a backbar display that gives the individual restaurant operator the opportunity to feature any of the related items that people eat when they drink coffee.

Its usefulness lies in its adaptability. With donuts and sweetrolls the most popular and profitable mid-morning, mid-afternoon snacks, the individual restaurant operator can fill in whatever item he is most interested in pushing with coffee. Space is also left open for price insertion.

The coffee-break promotion is being announced to grocers in the same manner, using the leading national grocery trade papers. Here the "break" for the grocer is expressed in terms of more coffee customers—and that means more regular customers for all the other foods the grocer has to sell. He is urged to make his store coffee-headquarters with tie-in displays—and is referred to his roaster for the coffee-break point-of-sale material.

Grocers can tie-in with full color, 12 by 18 inch posters. Urging a coffee-break, these posters can be used on counters, on walls, with mass displays of coffee and related items, and

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# Coast coffee men gather at Pebble Beach for PCCA's 21st convention

That the Pacific Coast Coffee Association goes back every year to Del Monte and Pebble Beach is ample evidence of the site's great hold on coffee men. Carmel Bay, the Seventeen Mile Drive, the beautiful golf course—which at spots almost dips into the sea—and the fine accomodations of the hotel might be sufficient in themselves to attract the trade. But there is more to the convention than that. It affords coffee men from this area—and from all over the world—an opportunity to exchange ideas of profit to them, to hear about problems of the industry from its leaders, and to allow their natural social instincts to have free play.

This is PCCA's 21st annual convention, and it is hoped that the California weather man will turn off the rain and dissipate the clouds so that a normal sunny day may prevail. If the past is any criterion you can ex-

pect just that.

While the weather here has acted up, there has been no great excitement in the coffee business for the last year—yet there are plenty of problems just the same. Discussion on those problems will be part of the convention's program. A few speakers may even try to peer into the future. The Pacific Coast Coffee Association has produced its share of national leaders in the industry and there will be a word of wisdom from some of them.

One of the more fascinating aspects of the convention will be the galaxy of visitors from other parts of the world, members of the Latin American consular service, and industry leaders in our own country. What they have to say about affairs of interest to coffee men will alone be worth attendance.

Social activities of coffee men at the convention are always an important part of the event. High in this category will be the entertainment arranged by E. A. Johnson, Jr., assisted by E. L. Shaw, of Hills, Bros., and Bob Quinlan, of B. C. Ireland. Ed Johnson, Jr., following the family tradition, has been doing his share of producing laughs for the boys at the past conventions.

Coffee men are good traders and they often have to take a gamble on a deal. That's why they enter so enthusiastically into the Calcutta Pool, which seems to fall, from year to year under the chairmanship of Bob Powell. of E. A. Johnson & Co. Assisting on the committee are W. O. Nickleman, of the S. F. Pellas Co.; Elmer Briggs, of Leon Israel & Co., Inc.; Leon Cavasso, of the Weldon H. Emigh Co., Inc.; and Morris Buckingham, of the Alta Coffee Co. There will be others called upon to step up the bids, and plenty of excitement can be expected.

Baseball is where talents, not all having to do with baseball, are displayed. Don't fail to see the annual green U. S. roast hassle. There is generally something available in the way of refreshments to keep up your spirits, if the game goes against you. The greens and the roasters are generally well matched, and they fight

like demons.

Heading the baseball committee is Joe Fitzpatrick, of Ortega and Emigh, Inc., a man who is fast on his feet, as attested by his Irish Jig at the last convention; Neil Hopping, of Hills, Bros. Coffee, Inc.; Jack W. Schimelpfenig, of the S. L. Jones Co.; and Bill Seely, of J. A. Folger & Co.

Golf is the one amusement which coffee men take seriously. We have many ardent golfers, and some in PCCA would be considered good in any part of the country. The committee handling arrangements, handicaps, etc., is headed by Cedric Sheerer, of Ruffner, McDowell & Burch, Inc. Good golfers helping him are Tom Barrett, of Pellas, Ernie Kahl, of the Joseph G. Hooper, Jr., Co., and Earl Lingle, Jr., of Lingle Bros. Many fine prizes are in store for those who come out on top.

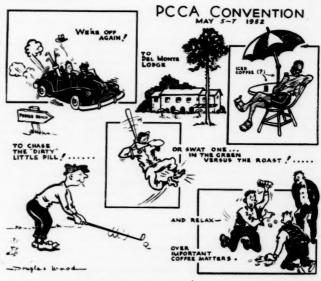
On the more serious side, Harry D. Maxwell, agent for Hard & Rand, Inc., is chairman of the resolutions committee. Others on the committee are William V. Lynch, of W. R. Grace & Co.,; R. Brandt, of Ben-Hur Products, Inc.; and C. D. Lincoln of Van Sant & Lincoln, Inc.

The necrology committee is headed by Weldon H. Emigh, assisted by J. C. Mack, of the E. A. Ackerman Co., Inc.; Karl Emmrich, of the Tucker-Emmrich Co.; and Dan Davies, of the Davies Co.

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Trace Roast

By Douglas H. Wood



What is today's greatest
problem in the coffee industry?

More production says this West Coast leader.

By W. O. GRANICHER, Executive Vice President
Pacific Coast Coffee Association



# Increasing the supply of coffee

Problems are an old story with the coffee industry and it is always a matter of opinion as to what constitutes the greatest "problem". My considered opinion is that our greatest problem is an adequate and increasing supply of good coffee. It is certainly a source of satisfaction to note that the National Coffee Association has appointed a committee on this vital aspect of our business. I wish them every success in this most important and difficult assignment.

Some may conclude that just the high price of coffee will inspire increased production and that favorable climatic circumstances in existing production countries will supply us with sufficient quantities to meet the increasing world needs. However, it is evident that some affirmative action is imperative. We cannot leave the industry's future to vagaries of nature and imperfect economic systems. A succession of small Brazilian crops and the final depletion of a long existing Brazilian surplus would seem to make this abundantly clear.

To anyone giving thought to this problem, there are two courses of action. One is to initiate coffee production in countries which are not now producing this commodity and the other is to stimulate increased production in the present growing areas.

Undoubtedly there are many tropical regions having suitable soil and climate in which coffee production could be introduced. It is unquestionably a profitable operation, but the opening of new plantations and the encouragement and attraction of new capital would take considerable time and organization. American venture capital might be employed to do this under the Point 4 program.

The second course would seem to be the more successful one, inasmuch as stimulation in present growing areas would yield quicker results for the effort expended. From my own experience, living and working in coffee producing countries, I would briefly highlight some of the principal courses of action to accomplish the desired result.

Greater mechanization of all phases of coffee culture, preparation and transportation is required. As long as coffee prices were low, labor reasonably abundant and priced to make operations profitable, there was little reason to develop machinery. However, now that the situation has altered, a greater use of available standard machinery and the development of appropriate new devices to replace physical effort should be employed. Emphasis should be placed on quality improvement for existing as well as new plantations.

The prime difficulty in all coffee producing countries is

the diminishing quantity of labor and the low production of the average hand worker. There is a continuing migration in coffee producing countries from rural to large industrial areas where conditions of life and work seem more attractive to the workers and their families.

To induce people to stay on the land and to encourage their return from industrial sections is a large, but very necessary program. Those of us who are familiar with coffee producing areas know that generally speaking very little effort is made to create attractive living conditions—roads, transportation, sanitation and housing are usually very poor. People anywhere require interests, education, health, recreation, entertainment, sports and cultural opportunities. As long as these benefits are absent for large numbers of rural workers, the lure of the urban center will continue, even though actually no improvement in living standards is accomplished.

People often say that coffees were better years ago than they are now. This always inspires a spirited discussion among coffee men. However, it does seem reasonable that quality would suffer with the exhaustion and erosion of soils in older producing areas and the lack of preparation and care due to labor scarcity. The use of machinery, more skillful and trained workers, increased fertilization in present coffee producing areas, the prevention of soil erosion and the modernization of all related efforts could bring about a tremendous improvement in regions which have produced large quantities of fine coffee in past decades.

Along these lines, Professor Cowgill and his staff have accomplished notable results in attaining greater yield from existing trees. They have likewise devised new planting methods that will result in greater production from existing acreages.

Standard Brands Inc. are to be congratulated for their extensive laboratory and field research, which finally brought about the production of a natural enzyme improving the fermenting process. It may be confidently anticipated that progress of this kind will accomplish great strides in improving coffee quality.

Unquestionably, the use of coffee throughout the world is increasing. World War II brought us about 15,000,000 new customers from the Armed Forces of the United States, and also stimulated coffee use in Canada, England and many other parts of the world. If and when world economic conditions improve, we can look to greater coffee consumption in Europe and elsewhere. A better standard of living

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# improved Steepolato'zo ONE-CUP COFFEE BAGS

Faster infusion • Greater wet strength • Oleophobic paper

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Table I. Population Growth in the West

AREA NAME	AREA IN SQUARE MILES	POPULATION 1940	POPULATION 1950	PER SQUARE MILE IN 1950
California	158,693	6.907.387	10,586,293	66.68
Washington	68.192	1,736,191	2,378,963	34.89
Oregon	96,981	1,089,684	1,521,341	15.69
Pacific Coast States—Total	323,866	9,733,262	14,486,527	44.73
Colorado	104,247	1,123,296	1,325,089	19.71
Arizona	113,909	499,261	749 587	6.58
Utah	84.916	550,310	688,862	8.11
New Mexico	121,666	531,818	681,187	5.60
Montana	147,138	559,456	591,024	4.02
Idaho	83,557	524.873	588,637	7.04
Wyoming	97,914	250,742	290 529	2.97
Nevada	110,540	110,247	160,083	1.45
Mountain States—Total	863,887	4,150,003	5,074,998	5.87
Alaska	586,400	72,524	128,643	.22
Alberta, Canada	255,285	817,861*	981.400*	3.84
British Columbia, Canada		796,169*	955,400*	2.61
Yukan Territory, Canada		4,914*	5,400*	.026
Above Area in Canada—Total	828,616	1,618,944	1,942,200	2.34
TOTALS	2,602,769	15,574,733	21,642,368	

\* Figures based on Canadian Census of 1941 and estimates for 1950.

# Pacific Coast growth - and coffee

By JOSEPH G. HOOPER, JR., Director

Director Green Coffee Division Pacific Coast Coffee Association

The term "West" as used in this article covers a very large number of square miles, extending from the Arctic Ocean and the Behring Sea in the north to Mexico in the south. Yet this area is served by the Pacific Coast coffee trade, and it is to its interest to consider its growth.

In retrospect, consider the Pacific Coast states, with a population of 105,891 in 1850, growing to 14,486,527 in 1950 and the Mountain States growing from 72,927 to 5,074,996 in the same span of years. The main growth has been in the urban areas and density of population is still relatively small.

California led the nation in its growth. It increased its population 86.5 per cent between 1930 and 1950. In the last ten years, the number of people engaged in agriculture in this state did not change, but the employees engaged in industry, as well as in wholesale and retail trade, increased a great deal. Alaska and the western part of Canada have also shown considerable growth in the last ten years. Table I illustrates the growth and density of population in the whole West:

The coffee trade, in serving this area, formerly obtained a large part of its green coffee supplies from Central America and Mexico. However, with production in these countries not keeping pace with the population growth of the West, it has been necessary to use more coffees from Brazil and Colombia.

This trend is illustrated in Table II, which shows the imports of green coffees through U. S. Pacific Coast and British Colombia Ports for the years 1941 and 1951. The year 1941 was taken because it was just previous to the imposition of U. S. government controls, which became effective in 1942. The data is based on figures published by the

Pacific Coast Coffee Association and the percentages are based on actual bags without adjustment for differences in bag weights.

The Pacific Coast import centers in 1951 and the percentages of the total imports for the whole Pacific Coast

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## Table II. West Coast Green Coffee Imports

SOURCES OF COFFEE	1941	1951
Brazil	39.85%	47.64%
Colombia		31.99%
Central America and Mexico		26.46%
Others	4.43%	3.91%
Totals	100.00%	100.00%

#### Table III. 1951 West Coast Coffee Imports by Area

OF ALL PACIFIC COAST IMPORTS	IMPORTS PER CAPITA OF AREA NAMED. (STATE OR PROVINCE)
71.54% 14.05% .84%	28.61 pounds green coffee
86.43%	34.57 pounds green coffee
8.92%	15.86 pounds green coffee
2.94%	8.16 pounds green coffee
1.71%	7.80 pounds green coffee
	PACIFIC COAST IMPORTS 71.54% 14.05% .84% 86.43% 8.92% 2.94%

# The coffee year on the West Coast

By MARK M. HALL, San Francisco Representative Coffee & Tea Industries

What happened in the coffee trade in this area in the last year, is probably not much different from what took place in any part of the United States. But reactions here probably differed in some ways. One point of difference which a westerner would insist on is that the Pacific Coast is an area of tremendous growth in population, more so than the rest of the country. This would tend to offset any possible static tendencies in coffee volume and would keep western roaster sales forging ahead.

What impressed roasters during the past year is that coffee remained at high levels of sales volume. Any fears they



The Lone Cypress at Midway Point, near Del Monte Lodge.

may have had about sales falling off were not realized, even though prices of green coffee remained high, with consequent high roasted prices to the consumer. It seems that resistance to the present levels is about over, at least for the present.

With ceilings and a balanced supply and demand situation, the spread of prices of green coffee has not ranged beyond about three cents, which has had a tendency to change the character of coffee buying. For this period, it has been hand-to-mouth, for replacement only, with no fear of a run-away market.

This was influenced by assurances from the OPS that ceilings would not be raised, and prices did not have to go far to reach them. Prices would also not drop much because of the statistical position and the official attitudes of the producing countries.

Also contributing to the buying practices of roasters are the large sums required to finance purchases. Even within such a narrow range of prices, the roaster can still lose, say the cents in any one purchasing period, but he figures that the continued practice of cautious buying will give him his chance, sooner or later, to even up.

On the whole there is less risk for the roaster in buying nowadays, but it still leaves him with his greatest problem of trying to survive with narrowed margins.

The green coffee man will agree that coffee has been offered within a narrow range of prices for the last year. This balance has made it very sensitive to any change in

economic or market conditions. They believe, moreover, that these conditions will prevail for some time. Reduced margins of profits have caused the roasters to shop about more. The trader who can shade a fraction of a cent gets the business, but he has to look sharply to his own narrowed profit. Hand-to-mouth buying makes the demand more steady, but even this is subjected to buying flurries within a limited range.

The importer stands between two great forces, the pressure of the buyer for lower prices and the pressure of the exporter and grower for higher prices. He is in a squeeze himself, struggling to maintain a faintly reasonable margin for him-

When prices hit a certain high point during the past year, great resistance was encountered by local green men from the roasters. When Colombian's touched 60 cents at the turn of the year, ex-dock San Francisco, resistance was so great that prices were forced down. A number of weeks later they were off about two cents. About that time, Brazils high and buyer resistance manifested itself with the same effect.

During the year the margin between spots and futures narrowed until now futures are in some cases higher than spots. This seems to be confirmation of the opinion that present levels will hold. There is a lot of coffee in Central America still unsold, a reflection of present roaster buying for current needs only. The selling season is just extended over a longer season period, but there is no question of the coffee being absorbed.

It is believed that in the main the estimate of Brazilian crops can be accepted. The crop is still considered low, and some private sources estimate the 1952-53 crop at about 15,500,000 bags.

From May to about July 1951, green men had been saying it was one of the most prolonged dull periods they had ever experienced in the business. The roasters had received large shipments and seemed to be well supplied. An importer added that the growers had enough fat on their bones to last for some time and were holding out for higher prices. At the end of the period, other importers were predicting—with a show of figures—larger crops and a surplus. They looked for lowered prices in November and December, especially as the new Brazilian crop made itself felt.

But the sentiment in the coffee business has a way of making rapid changes. Soon after, these bearish predictions by the green men, adverse reports began to come in regarding the Brazilian crops. The bean was smaller and estimates of the exportable crop were down. This bullish news as to prices was accepted at once.

The roasters began to show more interest in buying. There was a dock strike in New York. Spots were cleaned up. It became difficult for some brokers to obtain offerings. Prices went up, spots hit a high in November, receded, and were high again in January, 1952. Importers during this period conceded that business was better, but they still seemed to expect the roaster to change his type of buying.

Over the winter months roaster business was good, and (Continued on page 23)



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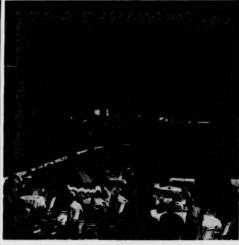
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# San Francisco as a coffee port

By WILLIAM A. GEARY, Chief Wharfinger Port of San Francisco

In an article which I was asked to prepare for publication in the fall of 1949, titled "The History of the Coffee Trade at the Port of San Francisco," there appeared at the end of the piece this statement:

"All indications point to an ever-increasing movement of coffee through this port, with an estimated value in 1949 of \$70,000,000."

That estimate turned out to be quite close to the mark, which actually was tabulated at \$73,622,329. But who, then, would have been foolhardy enough to predict that the 1950 total would zoom to an unprecedented \$120,475,130, representing 124,919 tons?

Coming closer down to date, we find that for the first 11 months of last year—1951—(December figures are unavailable at this writing)—coffee trade statistics for the San Francisco Customs District show 2 dollar value of \$139,747,208, and a volume of 139,289 short tons. This places coffee out in front as our principal import commodity in value, ahead by an almost astronomical distance over the No. 2 import item, copra.

Comparing the 11-month period last year with 1925—just over a quarter century ago—we find that 1925 recorded the importation of 59,098 short tons of coffee, with a value of \$25,867,700. This shows an increase in 26 years of 145 per cent in volume, and 440 per cent in value. It is interesting to note further, that the value per ton in 1925 was \$437.71, while in 1951 it comes out at \$1,003.29.

San Francisco remains—as it has been since the records and the memory of man runneth not to the contrary—firmly in third place as an import center for the coffee trade. It also holds close to around nine per cent of the nation's total volume of coffee imports.

The leading countries of origin of San Francisco's coffee imports, in order, are Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico and Costa Rica. The fact that El Salvador ranks third in coffee production, and that the other West coast areas named are important factors in the trade, are due largely to the circumstance that since about 1900 the Pacific Coast roasters, centered largely at San Francisco, have been continuously active



San Francisco, looking toward the Golden Gate

in helping to develop those countries in the field of coffee production.

Among the many reasons why San Francisco thrives as a great coffee port is the exceptional transport service from the producing countries, rendered by the various steamship companies serving the trade. The principal lines are Grace Line, General Steamship Corp., Moore-McCormack Lines, Pope and Talbot's Pacific-Argentine-Brazil Line, Silver Line, Johnson Line, Independence Line, Java-Pacific Line, Holland America Line, French Line, Italian Line, Westfal-Larsen Co. Line and others.

The first shipments of coffee arrived at the Port of San Francisco in 1849, 103 years ago. In those pioneer days, cargo had to be discharged onto lighters and brought ashore to the crude landing wharves. From such humble beginnings traces the vast tonnage brought in today.

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In 1900, Austin H. and Reuben W. Hills, who had begun roasting coffee here in 1878, developed the vacuum method of packing their product to preserve its freshness, 20 years before the process was adopted by other coffee grinders in other parts of the country.

Another reason for San Francisco's leadership in coffee is the "know-how" acquired by pioneer local firms that have been run by the same families for three generations.

Today coffee roasting and packing is San Francisco's second largest industry, exceeded only by the combined trades of printing and publishing.

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one who can speak for the trade said at the turn of the year that if the industry could meet its problems as well in 1952 as it met them in 1951, they had nothing to fear. Consumer resistance was about gone, and the Coast was booming.

This optimism soon came to an end, however, as prices climbed in January. Spots became scarce, and with limited coffees afloat, growers were holding back and agitating for removal of the ceilings. The opinion changed to one of confusion, but according to the law of gravity, what goes up will come down, and the situation was resolved. Prices came down in February and March, and seem to be back to that narrow range one hears about.

There are plenty of difficulties in the coffee business, but the same old welcome faces seem to make their appearances at the coffee conventions. Maybe the excitement of the last few years is over, and the trade will have to settle down to the "narrow range" and well shaved margins. There is no use in becoming excited, for as one broker put it, "The coffee business has always been that way." The trade in San Francisco has survived wars, fires, earthquakes, booms, depressions and the New Deal, for the last 102 years. It should be able to digest a tight statistical position and high prices, for a while at least. If the past is any judge, these ailments have a way of correcting themselves.

#### Increasing the supply of coffee

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throughout the world also spells a greater demand for coffee and for better coffee.

It is extremely important that a campaign for improved quality should parallel all efforts to produce more coffee.

Another interesting phenomenon in coffee producing countries is the increasing consumption of the commodity in those nations, as for example in Mexico, Cuba, Peru and others.

It seems all to obvious that we must have additional quantities of coffee if our sales promotion is to result in ever-increasing consumption. In order to supply such demand and because of a steadily growing world population, it becames imperative that we must have the supplies to meet the need.

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## Coffee trends in Oregon

By R. IRVING ANSCHUTZ, Regional Vice President for Oregon Pacific Coast Coffee Association

Conditions in the Portland area and the Pacific Northwest, as far as the sale of roasted and green coffee are concerned, are probably not very different from a year ago. Although

our territory is still experiencing a steady growth in population and in new industries along with the rest of the West Coast, which has undoubtedly helped to offset any drop in volume due to the higher prices, the importation of green coffee through the port of Portland in 1951 shows a decrease from 1950.

Figures furnished by the Chamber of Commerce show a total of 16,889,824 pounds

imported here in 1950 and only 11,948,416 pounds in 1951, or about 37,000 bags of 132 pounds. We are told that what was formerly one of the oldest and largest of our local roasters (sold to out-of-state interests several years ago) now only roasts their restaurant and institutional coffee in this plant. This fact alone could probably account for the larger portion of this decrease in imports.

There is also some Portland coffee which is occasionally unloaded and cleared at Seattle and Tacoma which would increase our import totals, but the exact amounts are not readily obtainable and only individual local roasters can tell if these figures reflect their own volume experience. Probably several have gained ground while others have lost small amounts of their former volume. However, with the U. S. total import figures for 1951 showing a gain over 1950 of 1,876,902 bags, or about 10 per cent, this local loss in a supposedly expanding and growing region could stand further study.

One of the highlights of our year was the recent visit paid us by Bill Williamson, of the National Coffee Association, and his associates, Charles G. Lindsay, manager of the Pan American Coffee Bureau, and Fred Baxter, of the Robert W. Orr Associates, Inc.

A luncheon meeting was called at the Aero Club of

Oregon, and all the managers of the local coffee roasters were present with their sales managers. The local sales managers of all the other Pacific Coast roasters were also invited, and we are happy to report that we had a 100 per cent attendance.

Wih the aid of color slides and sound equipment, Mr. Lindsay gave a very interesting and complete resume of PACB's advertising campaign for the coming season, a program highly praised by all present. This preview, which is being presented throughout the country, should help all roasters to tie in their own advertising programs and materially help in publicizing the beverage we all love and which furnishes us our livelihood.

Shortly after this is published, the Pacific Coast Coffee Association will again be in convention in Del Monte. On behalf of the Portland membership, I would like to extend our greetings and best wishes to the other members and our sincere thanks and appreciation to the officers and members of the various committees which are the backbone of this association.

There are still many problems confronting all branches of the coffee industry on the eve of this convention and although we cannot hope to solve them all, the stimulation of free discussion and thought in an intelligent group of likeminded men should contribute substantially to the alleviation of those problems.

## Southwest Coffee buys Cooper's Best, trade name for coffee and spice line

Cooper's Best a trade name for coffee and spices, has been purchased by Southwest Coffee & Spices, Ltd., Waco, Texas.

Gene Parsons, who together with Goodhue Smith, owns Southwest Coffee & Spices, announced that the Cooper's Best brands, which have been in use for over 50 years, will be processed and packaged at 416 Mary Street, Waco, where they have been handled ever since they were first established.

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## Let's emphasize "Tremendous Trifles", too

By STANLEY GLEASON, Director
Roast Division
Pacific Coast Coffee Association

I walked into the back room of C. E. Bickford & Co., San Francisco, in August, 1923, to start work in the coffee business. The one thing that has remained clear

in my mind from that day to this is the wonderful aroma of roasting coffee. Year after year, this same aroma has been amplified a thousand-fold, until I now know there is nothing else in all the world to equal it, nor to equal in taste a cup of good coffee properly brewed. It is such a pleasant and satisfying taste that it calls for another cup, and yet another.



Right now, the coffee industry is launching a new campaign, "The Coffee Break." I wonder if this wouldn't be an ideal time to carry on an educational program in the proper brewing of coffee, to go with the coffee break.

In seeking new outlets for our product, wouldn't it be advisable to take the time and trouble to emphasize once again the vast importance of "Tremendous Trifles?" These so-called trifles cannot be hammered home too often if they are to bring lasting results. One has only to go into an average restaurant to see what I mean. Some do not use enough coffee for the amount of water. Some do not bring the water to a boil. Some let the coffee cool and then reheat. Some keep it constantly at too hot a temperature; Some do not clean their utensils properly, and so on to a dozen or more other such "trifles."

And we permit the manufactures of coffee brewing equipment to advertise their particular device as being able to get 40 per cent or more cups of coffee to the pound if the housewife will use their brewing utensil. It has been my experience that there is no better way of extracting flavor from ground coffee than allowing the water to remain in contact with the grounds a sufficient length of time to fully extract the desired flavor, this time varying with different grinds of coffee. And most coffee makers perform this function satisfactorily if properly used.

Trying to stretch a pound of coffee into two pounds can only result in one thing, poor coffee, and surely this is no way to get the consuming public to drink more coffee.

These thoughts occur to me because I wish that every person in the country could share with me the delight of truly fine coffee aroma and the satisfying pleasure of a cup of good coffee. It is probably a selfish thought, because I know it would create more true coffee lovers, and that, I think, would help the coffee industry.

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## Premiums spark sales in about one-fourth of the nation's homes

New facts about the use of premiums in the merchandising of consumer commodities are produced by a study of premium distribution in the United States made by National Family Opinion, Inc., an independent consumer research organization in Toledo, Ohio.

The study covered a three-month period ending November 30th, 1951, during which a "balanced panel" of American families representing a cross-section of the national market reported in detail all premi-

um receipts in the household.

Three-fourths of the reporting families did not receive any premium during the period.

The lady of the house, the homemaker, gets most of the premiums.

The vast number of different kinds of premiums being used is highlighted by the fact that almost one-third of all premiums consists of 118 miscellaneous items, too numerous to tabulate. There is a very evident lack of exact knowledge as to what constitutes a popular premium. Premium items of established popularity are comparatively few in number, according to the survey report.

Premiums as defined in the study does not include coupon premiums, in which consumers trade in coupons for the product at a discount or free of charge.

#### Denver coffee war hurts food people, grocer says

For packers tempted to hypo their sales momentum with a price deal, facts about what's been happening in the Denver price war on coffee might be considered in the realm of higher education.

Here, for example, is the way a grocer who visited Denver sized up the situation, as reported by New England Grocery and Market Magazine.

"'Competition here is brutal. Thank goodness for our markup law,' says Roland Chaput, Lawrence, Mass., A. G. Store operator, about Denver retail price wars. Visiting cities from coast to coast on a special trip to the Far West, the aggressive textile city merchant found competition making a football of the tinned pound of coffee. When managers of the chains and large independent supers look for a hot loss leader it's the can of coffee

that gets the nod. "Carload prices for coffee, including the 2 per cent discount, figure at 821/4 to 821/2 cents. Normal retail is 91 to 93 cents. Progressively merchants have been shaving coffee prices, first on week end sales, then on first of the week specials, finally on regular shelf prices all week

"Last week an independent Super dropped a leading national brand to 65c, a loss of 17 cents on every tin. The leading chain came back with a shalf price slash to 69 cents on another leading brand.

'Said a big chain operator, 'We said this couldn't go on for long. But it has. We are losing \$2.40 on every case of coffee but we have to stay with the herd. Something is going to have to give way soon in this competition. We are now putting on from 20 to 25 loss leaders every week. Coffee has to be one of them. Maybe in a year we will get back to normal but a lot of people in the food business are going to be hurt badly in the meantime

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## Is coffee in a stage of transition with growth of instants and coffee bags?

By CARL D. LINCOLN, Director
Green Coffee Division
Pacific Coast Coffee Association

. This past year has not been an uneventful year in our industry, but climaxes have not been of major proportions. Other years have produced such notable events and happen-

ings as the beginning of OPS, the great price advance of 1949 (when coffee "grew up"), the terrific trading era of the war years, the OPA and many other developments.

It is true that during the past year the roasters in some areas have been plagued by OPS where unjust competition has been prevalent. It is also felt by many members of the trade that export quotas have not been of any help,

but a hindrance. Happenings such as these create a "never a dull moment" situation for the coffee industry—both green and roast—and while the attitude of all of us is far from complacent, we feel the coffee business is kind enough and interesting enough for us to want to be a part.

We are reaching a stage in coffee life where a definite transition is developing; i. e. soluble coffees, Cup Brew bags and Steepolator bags. It will be extremely interesting to witness the effect they will have on the original methods of manufacture that have proven so successful almost ever since the advent of coffee. If considerable inroads are made against the time worn methods of brewing (and it appears inevitable that they will), what will the effects be regarding the total tonnage of this country's imports? It is also highly possible that if a shortage in producing countries actually develops, the overall effect on the number of cups consumed may be changed but very little, as these newer methods make for less waste.

This past year's activities of the Pacific Coast Coffee Association, under the able guidance of E. F. Hoelter, have been gratifying, and it has been a great pleasure for the writer to have worked with him as well as with the other officers and directors. We of the Washington branch are happy to be a part of the PCCA, which enables us to enjoy the goodwill and camaraderie of the whole industry.

We also welcome to our fold the membership of Nabob Foods, Ltd. of Vancouver, the first in Canada to become affiliated with us.

Will enjoy seeing you all at Pebble Beach!

#### J. William Klapheke dies

J. William Klapheke, president of the old Louisville Coffee Company, Louisville, Ky., for 30 years, died recently at the age of 79.

He is survived by a brother, four sons, a daughter, another brother, 20 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.



## Better scheduling of coffee ships would speed shipments, cut distribution expenses

By CARLTON F. COREY, Director Roast Division Pacific Coast Coffee Association

Once again we are approaching coffee convention time on the Pacific Coast and, as members of the trade, we are looking forward to this annual event with zest and pride.

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Pebble Beach and Del Monte Lodge, located along the rugged shores of the Pacific Ocean lend themselves admirably to our grand industry, an industry so dependent on oceans which provide the means of transporting our raw materials from the agricultural frontiers of the Western hemisphere to the great consuming centres.

As our industry is faced with high raw material prices, high transportation costs, high distribution and selling expenses, it is important to speed to us the raw material purchased. Faster postwar vessels have greatly speeded up the transit time.

However, better scheduling of steamers would be the next step to assist the trade in this problem. Time and time again, various steamers are loading simultaneously or within a time interval of a day or so, and I believe it would be advantageous to all concerned if the steamers scheduled to load coffee were spaced several days apart.

The coffee association and freight conferences have always cooperated and understood one anothers problems in the past, and a great step forward would be realized if the ocean freight carriers could coordinate the loading dates of ships carrying green coffee to our ports to prevent overlapping of schedules.

Looking ahead to May 5th, 6th and 7th, we again will renew old friendships and welcome new ones at convention time at Pebble Beach, a truly beautiful locale for our annual gathering of the clan.

#### Pacific Coast growth—and coffee

(Continued from page 17)

are shown in Table III, which also shows the per capita imports of green coffees for each importing area:

The figures illustrate very well the importance of California, and especially of San Francisco, as a distributing center of green coffee for the West. This State imported 86.43 per cent of the coffee imported on the Pacific Coast in 1951, and of this 71.54 per cent came through San Francisco. Based on the 1950 population of California, San Francisco imported 28.61 pounds of green coffee per person.

It is quite evident from this that much of this coffee went to other places and that the San Francisco coffee trade has (Consinued on page 64)

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## Welcome "time out" from trade problems make San Francisco Coffee Club outings successful

By CEDRIC SHEERER, President San Francisco Coffee Club

Recreation and relaxation—these are key words imbedded in the basic premise on which the San Francisco Coffee Club was founded by a group of men prominent in the San Francisco coffee scene in 1935.

Today, more than ever, we feel that our yearly "outings" serve to unite our industry in fellowship. With members of the industry facing everincreasing barriers to the normal course of businessrising labor costs, high source prices, shortages of materials, government controls, increased taxation, and myriad other problems that appear to be increasing in geometric pro-



gression-it is small wonder that "time-outs" should be welcomed within the trade itself.

In order for any purely social club or association to be successful, the members thereof must be compatible. It is our thought that it would be difficult to find an industry in which the individuals enjoy themselves, collectively, apart from the business channels, as do the members of our Club.

The recipe for these outings is very simple: four dates a year are set aside for an afternoon of golf, with dinner

The meetings are held at various country clubs in the area and an effort is made to change the site, for the sake of variety. An entertainment committee arranges the details of golf, dinner, prizes, et al, and the members, together with guests invited from allied industries, report for duty suitably attired for the business at hand.

It is interesting to note the variety of strata represented within the industry itself. There are the serious golfers, the "putt-and-swig" golfers, the masters of that mysterious game "Liars' Dice," the poker players, the exponents of how to make eight the "hard-way" and, of course, the lunatic fringe-domino players-who are, indisputably, a race apart!

Suffice it to say that a good time is had by all. We have noted that even those unfortunates on whom Lady Luck has frowned are the first ones in the "ready room" when the next date rolls around.

Aside from recreation, the San Francisco Coffee Club serves several distinct needs. The first, and most important, is the opportunity it gives the younger and newer members to observe the solidarity and mutual respect encompassing the group. It gives them a free-and-easy basis upon which to meet not only the senior members but also one another.

It gives them an opportunity to participate in the work attendant to the presentation of an outing-it now being necessary to remark that by latter-day tradition the outings

## On the menu

#### How three restaurant chains are cashing in on coffee break

For a constructive article on restaurants and the coffee break, get hold of "Selling Mid-Morning Snacks in Offices," in the March, 1952, issue of Restaurant Manage-

We understand that reprints of the article are being made available by the National Coffee Association.

The article cites the Pan-American Coffee Bureau survey findings that the coffee break is an aid to production, and then describes how the Union News Co. provides a coffee break to employees of the Kudner Agency, Inc,; how Schrafft's provides a similar service to the Mutual Life Insurance Co., and how the manager of a Riker unit has built up outgoing orders to business offices in his neighborhood by improving his coffee delivery

## Vending machine industry backs coffee break drive

The survey of the coffee break in industry conducted for the Pan-American Coffee Bureau is the first realistic study of worker refreshment in industry and commerce, according to The Coin Machine Journal.

The results, says the magazine, checks with its own conclusions.

The magazine has been conducting what it calls a "Lathes & Vendors" editorial program to stress the management attitude that refreshment venders are essential tools of production.

In making the coffee break available to workers, vendors do the best job, The Coin Machine Journal declares

## How much coffee and tea is used by hospitals? Here's one estimate

Hard to pin down is a specific answer to the question: "How much coffee and tea is consumed in hospitals?"

Here's one answer, by R. T. Sanford, director of market research for The Modern Hospital, which recently completed a study on food buying influences in hospitals.

"We estimate that hospitals use approximately \$9,000,000 worth of coffee per year, and about \$3,000,000 worth of tea at present prices," says Mr. Sanford.

"As to the preparation of coffee, we have little detailed information. Most of it for regular mealtime use is made in the large restaurant-type urn. Undoubtedly a considerable amount is made in the smaller home-type coffee makers for the use of nurses and doctors. In general, coffee preparation would follow pretty much the pattern of any massfeeding operation.

"As far as we know, it is almost universal practice to serve hot water and a tea bag on the patient's tray, so that it can be brewed to the proper strength by

the patient himself."

The dry service of tea indicated by Mr. Sanford may be less prevalent than he thinks. Even if it's not universal in hospitals, there's a undoubtedly a good deal of spade work to be done here by the tea industry

## Hot coffee for parties offered by Chicago firm

Hot coffee for parties, a real headache if the gathering is of any size, need not be a problem in Chicago. So says Industrial Hot Coffee Service.

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## Crops and countries

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## Brazil's 1952-53 crop put at 15,199,500 bags by Sociedade Rural

Brazil's 1952-53 exportable coffee crop will reach 15,199,500 bags. This is the estimate of the Sociedade Rural Brasileira.

According to the estimate, the total will be produced as follows:

Sao Paulo 7,352,000 bags, Parana 4,400,000 bags, Minas 1,935,500, Dio 257,500, Espirito Santo 997,500, Bahia 87,000, Pernambuco 85,000, Goias 70,000 and Matto Grosso 15,000.

This crop will be produced from an estimated 2,093,000,000 productive trees. New trees planted but not yet producing are estimated at 205,000,000.

The Parana tree crop numbers 250,000,000 but 93,000,-000 have not yet come into production.

Parana outstrips by far any other state on a per tree basis. It is estimated that 70 arrobas (32 pounds) per 1,000 trees will come from the Parana trees, compared with 30 arrobas per tree in Matto Grosso and 27 in Sao Paulo.

The 1952-53 total compares with an August 1st estimate of the current crop of 14,800,000 bags exportable.

#### DNC reports on coffee situation

A summary of the statistical position of coffee in Brazil, as of January 1st, 1952, has been made available by DNC, which is still in liquidation, it is reported by Octavio Veiga, Santos correspondent of Coffee & Tea Industries, formerly The Spice Mill.

I.—Balance at 6/30/51, the beginning of the 1951/52 crop:

	ance of previous crop:		2,459,869
for	Santos	. 2,342,841	
for	Rio	116,392	
for	Victoria	. 199	
	Paranagua		
	Angra dos Reis		2,469,092 4,928,960

II.—1951/52 crop dispatched in coffee states up to 1/31/52 (in accordance with Shipping Registers—Article 8)

TOTAL ......

13,743,827 18,672,787

III.—To be deducted:	
(a)-Exports to the exterior, from	
July, 1951, to January, 1952	. 10,440,726
(b)—Local commerce — consump-	
tion of Brazilian states which	

V.—The exportation monthly average for the exterior, local commerce and consumption in ports, in the period from July, 1951, to January, 1952, (seven months) was

1,559,915

In the 1950-51 crop (twelve months) this

,454,170

#### DEC sees 6,667,509 bogs gvallable

According to the Divisao Economia Cafeeira, coffee availability on February 29th totaled 6,667,509 bags.

This total is made up of 4,928,960 bags carried forward from June 30th, 1951, plus 14,133,638 from current crop despatches up to February 29th, giving 19,062,598, from which deduct 11,846,172 exported during the period July, 1951-February, 1952, and 548,918 for coastwise shipments and port consumption.

The total available stocks of 6,667,509 bags is divided as follows: in ports 3,395,232; awaiting liberation from up-country, 3,272,277.

#### Colombian coffee registrations hit 4,743,452 bags

Colombian coffee registrations during 1951 reached a total of 4,743,452 bags of 60 kilograms each, valued at \$353,514,364.

Exports of coffee in 1951 totaled 4,793,983 bags, of which 4,311,035 went to the United States, 364,417 to Europe, and 118,531 to other destinations. Exports in 1950 amounted to 4,472,357 bags, of which 4,051,556 went to the United States, 296,917 to Europe, and 123,884 elsewhere.

Several commercial agreements signed with European countries involved the sale of substantial amounts of Colombian coffee. The long-negotiated agreement with Western Germany included the sale of \$25,700,000 worth of coffee, calculated at about 200,000 bags. Other agreements were signed with Czechoslovakia and the Netherlands. These included sales of \$2,000,000 and \$1,000,000 worth of coffee, respectively, sales to be made by the Coffee Federation.

#### Guatemala bans import of used coffee bags

The import of used jute or bramant coffee sacks and of merchandise packed in sacks previously used for coffee has been prohibited in Honduras.

#### NCA raps Silex Co.'s more-cupsto-the-pound advertising for brewer

The National Coffee Association took sharp exception recently to consumer advertising on its brewer run by The Silex Co., Hartford, Conn.

The association says that claims for the Silex coffee brewer are entirely unsupported by fact.

The complaint was directed against the Silex claim that the use of finer ground coffee with its device made it possible to get 64 cups of coffee from a pound whereas only 40 cups could be secured from competitive coffee pots.

The association said that coffee made with the recommended formula will be weak and unsatisfactory to the average consumer and that such results will adversely affect consumer enjoyment of coffee.

It also pointed out that there are many coffee makers on the market practically identical with the Silex and operating on the same principle. Exhaustive tests conducted by the association show that the Silex has no special advantages not available in other brewing devices of the same type, NCA declared.

As to the fineness of grind claimed by Silex as a special advantage, the association said that the so-called "Silex" grind is different in no respect from grinds turned out by the industry for use with any vacuum filter type of coffee brewer. Other types of makers, particularly drip pots, get exactly the same brewing efficiency with a coarser grind, NCA said.

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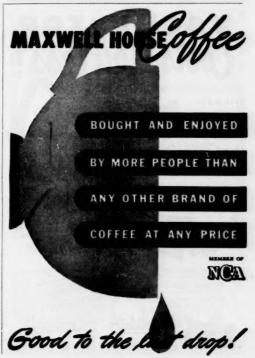
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## Methods of making solubles progressed rapidly since prewar days, Harrison tells IFT

All methods of producing soluble coffee are basically the same, but none are exactly alike and each method has its own strong adherents, George Harrison, president of The Harrison Coffee Co., told a dinner meeting of the New York section of the Institute of Food Technologists, held last ment at the Brass Rail Restaurant.

Fundamentally, the technique involves producing a concentrated coffee extract in its most flavorful condition and removing the water in the quickest possible time with the least damage to the flavor, Mr. Harrison explained.

"Various methods of making soluble coffee before the last war have become outmoded," he said. "When I became interested in solubles in 1936, a thin extract of coffee was reduced in a vacuum pan and the resulting licorice-like goo was spread onto trays in a vacuum shelf dryer. After the moisture had been evaporated, the resultant honeycombed crystalline mass was milled, and there was soluble coffee.

"Coffee really took punishment in those days, being subjected to three intense heating operations. If it had not been for the technological improvements in extraction by which high concentrations are made possible directly in extractors, as well as through advances in quick drying, soluble coffee would be no further advanced. The unsung heroes of soluble coffee are the food technologists who played the all-important part that made possible its present popularity. Yesterday's soluble measured against today's soluble is like comparing the bathing beauty of 1850 with the sleek new version of 1952."

With few exceptions, higher concentrations are now developed by the counter current method of extraction by which the liquor is high pressured through consecutive beds of fresh coffee collecting soluble solids as the stream moves along, Mr. Harrison told the gathering. The operator can control the density at will dependent on the length of the cycle and the quantity withdrawn.

There are many pet ideas on drying, and each of the many methods in use has its own adherents, he added.

"The manufacture of soluble coffee is, however, not entirely a technical matter," Mr. Harrison emphasized. "Essentially it is still a coffee item and requires coffee

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judgement. Nowhere is there anything written about what coffees to use. Therefore a combination of sound coffee background and technological know-how is ideal for this type of manufacture. Wherever soluble coffee is made, it remains for someone with coffee experience to evaluate it and maintain its uniformity. It is at this point that the guiding coffee mind must be intelligently imaginative, with a practical sense of balance."

There are still many "died-in-the-cherry" coffee men who look askance at soluble coffee, Mr. Harrison pointed out. In their minds there is still some question about the public's acceptance of a product which seems to them to be a dis-

tortion of coffee.

"These coffee men have earned the right to be extra critical, in the same way that they have earned the right to pride themselves on their accomplishments over the years," he said. "After all, it was through their high standards and coffee know-how, spurred by competitive effort, that coffee has become the important beverage it now is and will always continue to be.

#### Palatability tests

"This same competitive and rewarding effort has made it possible to develop solubles which are as palatable and therefore as acceptable as many regular coffees. Palatability tests made by the Army as well as by various research groups are continuously proving this point. It is readily seen, therefore, how important this change in coffee form becomes to an industry which has seen little change in many years."

Mr. Harrison stressed that consumer economies made possible by solubles must not be underestimated, regardless

of how high or low the coffee market goes.

"As a practical example of such economies, let us prepare 1,000 cups of coffee using two grams of pure soluble coffee powder per cup," he explained. "We would require two kilos of soluble coffee. If the yield is taken as 25 per cent of the roasted coffee weight, then we require eight kilos, or 17.6 pounds of roasted coffee for our 1,000 servings. However, using regular coffee to prepare the same quantity of beverage in the household would require at least 25 pounds of coffee if one figured on 40 cups to the pound. If 35 cups is all you get from a pound, then you would need a little more than 28 pounds of regular coffee. At any rate, a saving of an approximate minimum of 30 per cent is indicated.

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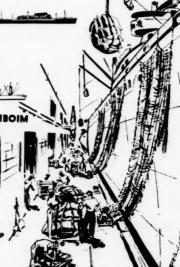
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# Ship sailings

#### A SUMMARY OF INWARD - BOUND SCHEDULES ON THE COFFEE AND TEA BERTHS

Ports and dates are subject to change, should exigencies require. Moreover, lines may schedule sailings not shown in this schedule.

#### Abbreviations for lines

Alcoa—Alcoa Steamship Co.

Am-Exp—American Export Lines
Am-Pres-American President Lines
ArgState—Argentine State Line
Am-W Air—American-West African Line
Barb-WAfr—Barber-West African Line
Barb-WAfr—Barber-West African Line
Barb-W An—Barber-Wist African Line
Barb-W n—Barber-Wist African Line
Brodin—Brocklebanks' Cunard Service
Delta—Delta Line
Dodero—Dodero Lines
Ell-Buck—Ellerman & Bucknell S.S. Co.
Farrell—Farrell Lines
Grave—Grave Line
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Grave—Transportadora Gran
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Gulf—Gulf & South America Steamship
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IFC-LF.C. Lines Independent-Independent Line Isbrandtsen-Isbrandtsen Co., Inc. Italian-Italian Line JavPac-Java-Pacific Line Lloyd-Lloyd Brasileiro Lykes-Lykes Lines Maersk-Maersk Line Mormas-Moore-McCormack Lines, Inc. Nopal-Northern Pan-American Line Norton-Norton Line NYK-Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line PAB-Pacific Argentine Brazil Line PacFar-Pacific Far East Line, Inc. PacTrans—Pacific Transport Lines, Inc. Pioneer—American Pioneer Line Prince—Prince Line, Ltd. R Neth-Royal Netherland Steamship Co. Robin-Robin Line SCross-Southern Cross Line Scrois—Southern Cross Line Silver Mile Sprague—Sprague Steamship Line Stockard—Stockard Line Stran—Strachan Shipping Co. Swed-Am—Swedish American Line UFruit-United Fruit Co. West Cest-West Coast Line, Inc. West-Lar-Westfal Larsen Co. Line

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Ga—Galvesson
Gj—Gulf ports
Ha—Halifax
Ho—Houston
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#### COFFEE BERTHS

S	AILS	SHIP	LINE	DUE	SAIL	S SHIP	LINE	D	UE		
					5/13	Cape Ann	UFruit	NY5/26			
A	CA	JUTLA			5/14	Sofia	Grace	NY5/19			
4/	18	Cubahama	UFmit	Cristobal <sup>2</sup> 4/21							
		Square Sinnet	Grace	LA5/2 SF5/5 Se5/10	RA	RRIOS					
		Marna	UFmit	Cristobal <sup>2</sup> 5/1							
		Cstl Nomad	Grace	LA5/27 SF5/30 Se6/5		Mabella	UFruit	NY4/17			
					4/12		UFruit	H04/17 No4	/20		
					4/13		UFruit	NY4/20			
A	CA	PULCO			4/18		UFmit	NY4/25			
	27	Gunners Knot	Grace	Cristobal <sup>1</sup> 4/27	4/18	Inger Skou	UFruit	He4/23 NO4			
5/		Anchor Hitch	Grace	Cristohal 5/19	4/26		UFruit	He4/30 NO5	/4		
3/	9	Anchor Hitch	Grace	Cristopar 3/19	4/30	Adm Fraser	UFruit	NY5/7			
					5/3	Darien	UFruit	Ho5/7. No5/	11		
A	MA	PALA			5/7	Mabella	UFruit	NY5/14			
-			-		5/11	Byjford	UFruit	NY5/18			
-		Square Sinnet	Grace	LA5/2 SF5/5 Se5/10	5/18	Matura	UFruit	NY5/25			
-		Marna	UFruit	Cristobal <sup>2</sup> 5/1							
5/		Gunners Knot	Grace	Cristobal <sup>2</sup> 5/11	2011		mrrm a				
5/		Cstl Nomad	Grace	LA5/27 SF5/30 Se6/5	BUI	ENAVEN	TUKA				
5/	10	Anchor Hitch	Grace	Cristobal <sup>1</sup> 5/19	4/12	Square Sinnel	Grace	LA5/2 SF5/	5 \$45/15		
					4/18					Va5/11 Se5/1	3
	NG	RA DOS	PFIC		4/18	Farmer	Gull	Ho4/30 NO5/			
^	140	KA DOS			4/20	Bresle	Independ			3 Se5/15 Va5/1	6
4/	24 1	Pathfinder	PAB	LA5/18 SF5/21 Va5/26 Se5/27 Po6/2	5/2	Merchant	Gulf	He5/14 NOS/	18		
5/	7 1	Hindanger	SCross	NY5/24 Bo5/27 Pa5/29 Ba5/31	5/2	Rita	Grace	Be5/11 Ny5/	12		
5/2	29 1	Forester	PAB	LA6/19 SF6/22 Va6/28 Se6/30 Po7/3	5/13	Ines	Grace	NY5/22 Ba5			
					5/14	Elaina	Grace	LA5/23 SF5/			
_					5/16	Shipper	Gulf	Ho5/28 NO6/	1		
B	AR	RANQUI	LLA		5/27	Olivia	Grace	Bo6/3 Ba6/	6 NY6/9		
4/	15 (	Cape Ann	UFruit	NY4/27							
4/	16	Monica	Grace	NY4/21	CAT	TAGEN					
4/	22 (	Cape Avinof	UFruit	NY5/4	CAL	CIAGENA	•				
4/2		sti Nomad	Grace	LA5/27 SF5/30 Se6/5	4/12	Paula	Grace	NY4/16			
4/2		Sofia	Grace	NY4/29	4/14	Jamaica	UFruit	NY4/21			
4/2		age Cod	UFruit	NY5/11	4/16	Lovers Bend	UFruit	NG4/28			
4/3		lara	Grace	NY5/5	4/19	Rosa	Grace	NY4/23			
5/6		ane Chrind	UFruit	NY5/18	4/21	Talamanca	UFmit	NY4/28			
5/8		Monica	Grace	NY5/13	4/26		Grace	NY4/30			
3,6					4/60						

SAILS	SHIP	LINE		DUE
4/28	Veragua	UFruit	NY5/5	
4/30	Fiador Knot	<b>UFruit</b>	N05/12	
5/3	Rosa	Grace	NY5/7	
5/5	Jamaica	UFruit	NY5/12	
5/10	Paula	Grace	NY5/14	
5/12	Talamanca	UFruit	NY5/19	
5/14	Inger Skou	UFruit	N05/26	
5/19	Veragua	UFruit	NY5/26	

#### CHAMPERICO

4/24	Square Sinnet	Grace	LA5/2	SF5/5	Se5/10
5/14	Csti Nomad	Grace	LA5/27	SF5/30	Se6/5

#### CORINTO

4/11	Csti Nomad	Grace Cristobal <sup>1</sup> 4/17
4/17	Square Sinnet	Grace LA5/2 SF5/5 Se5/10
4/18	Marna	UFruit Cristobal <sup>2</sup> 5/1
4/22	La Baule	Independence LA5/1 SF5/3 Po5/8 Va5/11 Se5/13
4/24	Bresle	lendependence LA5/6 SF5/8 Po5/13 Se5/15 Va5/16
5/5	Gunners Knot	Grace Cristobal 5/1
5/7	Cstl Nomad	Grace LA5/27 SF5/30 Se6/5
5/13	Anchor Hitch	Grace Cristobal <sup>1</sup> 5/19
CRI	STOBAL	

4/14	Cape Cmbrind	UFruit	NY4/20
4/19	Levers Bend	UFruit	N04/28
4/21	Cape Ann	UFruit	NY4/27
4/28	Cape Avinof	UFruit	NY5/4
5/3	Fiador Knet	UFruit	N05/12
5/5	Cape Cod	Ufruit	NY5/11
5/12	Cape Cmbrind	UFruit	NY5/18
5/17	Inger Skou	UFruit	N05/26
5/19	Cane Ann	HErmit	NV5/25

#### DAR es SALAAM

4/11	Afr Sun	Farrell	NY6/19
4/17	Kendall Fish	Lykes	Gulf5/22
6/17	Afr Rainbow	Farrell	NY7/17

#### SAILS SHIP LINE DUE

#### DURBAN

4/12	Letitia	Lykes	Guff5/21
4/26	Samarinda	JavPac	LA6/14
4/30	Barre Victory	Lykes	Gulf6/9
5/15	Ruben Tipton	Lykes	Gulf6/18
6/8	Charlotte Lykes	Lykes	Gulf7/8
6/13	Billiton	JavPac	LA7/31
7/9	Silver Spray	JavPac	LA8/27

#### EL SALVADOR

4/16	Wyoming	French	LA4	/26	SF4	/29	Va5	/3	Se5	/6	Po5	/9
4/24	La Baule	Independe	nce	LAS	1	SF5	3	Po5	8	Va5	/11	Se5/13
4/26	Bresle	Independe	nce	LAS	6	SF5	8	Po5	13	Se5	15	Va5/16
5/7	Stremboli	Italian	LAS	/16	SF	5/19	Va5	/24	Se5	/29	P06	/1

#### GUATEMALA

4/10	Tritone	Italian LA4/18 SF4/21 Va4/26 Se5/1 Po5/3	
4/20	Wyoming	French LA4/26 SF4/29 Va5/3 Se5/6 Po5/9	
4/25	La Baule	Independence LA5/1 SF5/3 Po5/8 Va5/11 Se5/1	
4/27	Bresie	Independence LA5/6 SF5/8 Po5/13 Se5/15 Va5/1	6
5/8	Stromboli	Italian LA5/16 SF5/19 Va5/24 Se5/29 Po6/1	

#### LA LIBERTAD

4/17	Cubahama	UFruit	Cristobal <sup>2</sup> 4/23	
4/20	Square Sinnet	Grace	LA5/2 SF5/5	Se5/10
4/26	Marna	<b>UFruit</b>	Cristobal <sup>2</sup> 5/1	
5/1	Gunners Knot	Grace	Cristobal <sup>1</sup> 5/1	
5/9	Anchor Hitch	Grace	Cristobal! 5/19	
5/10	Cstl Nomad	Grace	LA5/27 SF5/30	Se6/5

#### LA UNION

4/14	Cubahama	UFmit	Cristobal <sup>a</sup> 4/21	1
4/19	Square Sinnet	Grace	LA5/2 SF5/5	Se5/10
4/23	Marna	<b>UFruit</b>	Cristobal <sup>2</sup> 5/1	
5/3	Gunners Knot	Grace	Cristobal <sup>1</sup> 5/11	1
5/9	Cstl Nomad	Grace	LA5/27 SF5/30	Se6/5
5/11	Anchor Hitch	Grace	Cristobal <sup>1</sup> 5/19	)

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4/11 Cape Cmbrind UFruit NY4/20 4/18 Cape Ann **UFruit** NY4/27 4/22 Levers Bend **UFruit** NO4/28 4/25 Cape Avinol 5/2 Cape Cod NY5/4 UFruit UFruit NY5/11 5/6 Fiador Knot UFruit N05/12 5/9 Cmbrind UFmit NY5/18 5/16 Cape Ann UFruit NY5/25 N05/26

LOBITO

4/16 Ferngien Am-W Afr NY5/30 Am-W Afr NY5/30 4/18 Del Oro Delta NO5/15 Am-W Afr NY5/15 4/19 Taurus 5/22 Cape Romain Delta NO6/15 Am-W Afr NY7/31 6/21 Fernglen

LOURENCO MARQUES

4/19 Letitia Lykes Lykes Gulf5/1 Gulf5/22 5/2 Samarinda 146/14 Gulf6/9 5/7 Barre Victory Lykes 5/21 Ruben Tipton Lykes 6/14 Charlotte Lykes Lykes Gulf7/8 6/18 Billiton JavPac LA7/31 7/12 Silverspray JavPar LAR/27

LUANDA

4/10 Del Oro Delta NO5/15 Am-W Afr NY5/30 4/12 Taurus Am-W Afr NY5/30 4/19 Hopeville 5/13 Del Rio Am-W Afr NY7/31 6/23 Ferngulf

MARACAIBO

4/25 Cstl Nomad Grace LA5/27 SF5/30 Se6/5

MATADI

4/15 Ferngulf Am-W Afr NY5/15 4/26 Hopeville Am-W Afr NY5/30 5/10 Del Rio Delta NO6/8 Delta NO6/15 5/14 Dape Ro Am-W. Afr NY6/30 6/2 Tatra Am-W Afr NY7/31 6/25 Tortugas Am-W Afr NY7/31 6/30 Ferngulf

MOMBASA

4/23 Kendall Fish Guif5/22 Lykes 5/14 Afr Sun NY6/19

PARAMARIRO

4/14 A vessel Alcoa NY5/9 5/5 A Vessel 5/26 A Vessel Alcoa NY5/29 Alcoa NY6/20 6/16 A Vessel

PARANAGUA

4/10 Peter Jebsen N05/1 Ho5/4 4/11 Mormacd Jx4/29 NY5/2 Bo5/5 Pa5/7 Ba5/9 Nf5/10 4/11 Stockholt Stockard NY4/30 NY5/6 Pa5/10 Ba5/12 Be5/14 MI5/18 4/12 Bowrie 4/13 Canada IFC Lloyd Lloyd NY5/2 4/15 Panama NO5/5 Ho5/11 4/15 Naviero 4/17 Pathfinder NO5/5 Ho5/9 LAS/18 SF5/21 Va5/26 Se5/27 Po6/2 PAB 4/18 Sel Mun Deita 418 Skogaland LA5/29 SF5/31 Po6/7 Se6/10 Va6/11 LA5/18 SF5/21 Va5/25 Se5/28 Po5/30 4/20 Villanger Wes-Lar 4/21 Mormacsur

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5/3	Argentina	Lloyd	NY5/22					
5/5	Mexico	Lloyd	N05/25	Ho5/31				
5/7	Holberg	Nopai	N05/28	Ho5/31				
5/8	Campero	Dodera	NY5/28	Be5/31	Pa6/2	Ba6/3	N16/4	
5/10	Ravanger	Wes-Lar	LA6/11	SF6/14	Po6/21	Se6/24	Va6/25	
5/13	Mormacland	Mormac	LA6/9	SF6/12	Va6/16	Se6/19	Po6/21	
5/23	Forester	PAB	LA6/19	SF6/22	Ca6/28	Se6/30	Po7/3	
5/25	Uruguai	Lloyd	N06/15	He6/21				

#### PORT SWETTENHAM

4/27 Oluf Mrsk Marrisk NV5/17

#### **PUERTO CABELLO**

4/23 Clara NY5/5 4/30 NY5/13

#### **PUNTARENUS**

UFruit Cristobal<sup>2</sup> 5/1 Cristobal<sup>2</sup> 4/17 4/13 Marna 4/13 Cstl Nomac Grace 4/15 Square Sinnet LA5/2 SF5/5 Se5/10 4/18 La Baule dence LA5/1 SF5/3 Po5/8 Va5/11 Se5/13 dence LA5/6 SF5/8 Po5/13 Se5/15 Va5/16 4/20 Bresle Indepen Cstl Nomad LA5/27 SW5/30 Se6/5 5/6 Cristobal 5/1 Cristobal 5/19 5/15 Anchor Hitch Grace

#### RIO de JANEIRO

4/12 Augtedyk Hoi-Int NY4/28 Be5/1 Nf5/3 Ba5/4 Pa5/6 4/14 Pathfinder 4/14 Patfinder Delta NO5/1 Ho5/6 PAB LA4/18 SF5/21 Va5/26 Se5/27 Po6/2 4/14 N05/1 H05/4 Peter Jehr 4/16 NY4/28 4/19 Lloyd NY5/2 NO5/5 Ho5/11 4/19 NY5/6 Pa5/10 Ba5/12 Bo5/14 MI5/18 4/22 Skogalam Brodin Delta Ba5/6 NY5/7 Ba5/9 Pa5/11 NO5/11 Ho5/16 4/24 Del Mundo 4/26 Jachal 4/27 LA6/9 SF6/12 Va6/16 Se6/19 Po6/21 4/29 Lioyd Delta NY5/15 4/30 Del Mar Villanger LA5/29 SF5/31 Po6/7 Se6/10 Va6/11 Ba5/14 Pa5/15 NY5/17 Bo5/21 MI5/25 NY5/24 Bo5/27 Pa5/29 Ba5/31 Uruguay Hindange 4/30 5/8 SCross 5/9 Lloyd 5/9 Lloyd N05/25 Ho5/31 5/11 Holbern NY5/31 NY5/28 Bo5/31 Pa6/2 Ba6/3 Nf6/4 5/12 Campero de La Plata 5/29 Uruguai Lloyd ArgState NO6/15 Ho6/21

NY6/12

LA6/10 SF6/22 Va6/28 Se6/30 Po7/3

#### 5/31 Forester SAN JOSE

5/31 Tunuyan

4/23 Square Sinnet 4/30 Gunners Knot 5/8 Anchor Hitch Grace 1.45/2 SFS/5 \$45/10 Grace Cristobal<sup>1</sup> 4/17 Cristobal<sup>1</sup> 5/19 5/13 Cstl Nomad LA5/27 SW5/30 Se6/5

#### SANTOS

Hol-Int NY4/28 Ba5/1 Nf5/3 Ba5/4 Pa5/6 4/10 Augtedyk 4/10 Ba4/24 Pa4/26 NY4/28 N05/1 Ho5/4 N05/1 Ho5/6 4/12 Peter Jebser Delta 4/12 Dei Monte 4/14 Brazil 4/14 Stockholt 4/15 Skaubo IFC NY4/30 Ba5/3 Bo5/5 M15/9 Jx4/29 NY5/2 Bo5/5 Pa5/7 Ba5/9 Nf5/10 4/15 Mormacdo 4/18 Mormacsu LA5/18 SF5/21 Va5/25 Se5/28 Pa5/30 1/18 Canada Lioyd NY5/2 4/18 Panama Lloyd NO5/5 Ho5/11 NY5/6 Pa5/10 Ba5/12 Be5/14 MI5/18 IFC 4/19 4/21 Ba5/6 NY5/7 Bo5/9 Pa5/11

4/22 Del Mundi Delta N05/11 He5/16 Ba5/6 Pa5/8 NY5/10 LA5/18 SF5/21 Va5/26 Se5/274 Po6/2 4/23 Mormacn 4/23

Wes-Lar LA5/29 SF5/31 Po6/7 Se6/10 Va6/11

	SAILS	SHIP	LINE	OUL
	4/28	Bolivia	Lloyd	NY5/15
	4/28	Uruguay	Mormac	NY5/12
-	4/29	Gei Mar	Delta	N05/14
	4/29	Ekefors	Stockard	NY5/16
	4/30	Mormacmar	Mormac	Ba5/14 Pa5/15 NY5/17 Bo5/21 MI5/25
	5/6	Hindanger	SCross	NY5/24 Bo5/27 Pa5/29 Ba5/31
	5/8	Mexico	Lloyd	NO5/25 Ho5/31
	5/8	Argentina	Lloyd	NY5/22
	5/9	Holberg	Nopal	NO5/28 Ho5/31
	5/10	Campero	Dodero	NY5/28 Bo5/31 Pa6/2 Ba6/3 Nf6/4
	5/10	Mormacland	Mormac	LA6/9 SF6/12 Va6/16 Se6/19 Po6/21
	5/15	Ravnanger	Wes-Lar	LA6/11 SF6/14 Po6/21 Se6/24 Va6/25
	5/15	de La Plata	AryState	NY5/29
	5/28	Uruguai	Lloyd	NO6/15 Ho6/21
	5/28	Forester	PAB	LA6/19 SF6/22 Va6/28 Se6/30 Pe7/3
	5/29	Tunuyan	ArpState	NY6/12

#### TAMPICO

4/10	Danaholm	Swed - Am	M14/23
4/26	Tunaholm	Swed - Am	MI5/15
6/2	Danahoim	Swed - Am	MI6/20

#### **VERA CRUZ**

4/24	Tunaholm	Swed - Am	M15/15	
5/27	Danaholm	Swed - Am	M16/20	

#### VICTORIA

4/15	Peter Jebsen	Nopal	N05/1	Ho5/4	
	Del Monte	Delta	N05/1	Ho5/6	
4/21	Parama	Lloyd	N05/5	Ho5/11	
4/26	Del Mundo	Delta	N05/11	Ho5/16	
5/11	Mexico	Lloyd	N05/25	He5/31	
5/12	Holbern	Nopal	N05/28	Ho5/31	
4.3		A tours	MAC/18	4-6/23	

#### TEA BERTHS

#### CALCUTTA

4/11	City Chrstna	Ell - Buck	MI						
4/16	Exchequer	Am-Exp	Bo	NY	Pa	Ba	Nf		
4/20	City Chester	Ell - Buck	Bo	NY	Pa	Nf	Ba		
4/30	Exhibitor	Am-Exp	Bo	NY	Pa	Ba	NI		
5/7	City Perth	Ell - Buck	Bo	NY	Pa	Nf	Ba		
5/8	Bintang	JavPac	SF6	11 La	6/16	Po7/3	Va7/7	Se7/10	
6/8	Sarangan	<b>JavPac</b>	SF7	12 LA	7/17	Po8/2	Va8/6	Se8/9	

#### COCHIN

5/14	British	Prince	Ha6/7	Bo6/10	NY6/12
6/10	Eastern	Prince	Ha7/4	Bo7/7	NY7/9
7/3	Javanese	Prince	Ha7/28	Bo7/31	NY8/2
8/10	Cinnalesa	Prince	HaQ/12	Be2/15	NY9/17

#### COLOMBO

4/10	Express	Am-Exp	Bo N	Y Pa	Ba	Nf	
4/25	Tabinta	JacPac	LA6/1	SF6/6	Po6/1	3 Va6/16	Se6/25
5/4	Exhibitor	Am-Exp	Bo N	Y Pa	Ba	Nf	
5/12	British	Prince	Ha6/7	Be6/10	NY6/1	2	
5/25	Utrecht	JavPac	LA7/1	SF7/6	Po7/1:	3 Va7/16	Se7/23
6/8	Eastern	Prince	Ha7/4	Be7/7	NY7/9		
7/3	Javanese	Prince	Ma7/28	Bo7/31	NY8/2		
8/17	Cingalese	Prince	Ha9/12	Be9/15	NY9/17	7	

#### HONG KONG

4/17	Nicoline Mrsk	Maersk	SF5/12 NY5/31
4/19	Tungus	Barb-Wn	SF5/12 LA5/14 NY5/28
4/26	Cove	Pioneer	NY6/12
5/3	Sally Mrsk	Maersi	SF5/28 NY6/17
5/4	Fernhill	Barb-Wn	SF5/27 LA5/29 NY6/12
5/13	Lake	Pioneer	NY6/30
5/14	Tide	Pigneer	NY6/30
5/17	Lexa Mrsk	Maersk	SF6/13 NY7/3
5/19	Taileyrand	Barb-Wn	SF6/11 LA6/13 NY6/27
6/3	Laura Mrsk	Maersk	SF6/28 NY7/18
6/4	Tancred	Barb - Wn	SF6/27 LA6/29 NY7/13
6/16	Leise Mrsk	Maersk	SF7/13 NY8/2
6/19	Taiwan	Barh-Wn	SF7/12 LA7/14 NY7/28
7/3	Grete Wrsk	Maersk	SF7/28 NYB/17
7/4	Glenville	Barb - Wn	SF7/27 LA7/29 NY8/12

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6/24	Leise Mrsk	Maersk	SF7/13 NY8/2
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<sup>1</sup> Accepts freight for Atlantic and Gulf ports with transshipment at Cristobal, C. Z. <sup>2</sup> Accepts freight for New York, with transshipment at Cristobal, C. Z. <sup>3</sup> With transshipment at Colombo.

#### New folder on coffee packaging equipment

A new folder on Bar-Nun packaging equipment has been issued by the B. F. Gump Co., Chicago.

The four-page folder has pictures showing Bar-Nun "Auto-Check" Weighers and Automatic Bag Feeders, Openers and Weighers as installed in coffee plants.

Letters from the coffee packers, quoted in the booklet, indicate what their experiences have been with this packaging equipment.

#### West Germany to import British coffee

The West German government has authorized the import of 7,770,000 D-marks' worth of raw coffee from Britain.

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September		1.017	737	1.774	1,030	368	1,418
October		1,092	820	1.912	1,073	347	1,420
November	1.306	823	501	1,324	932	369	1,301
December	1,256	822	457	1,279	909	428	1,337
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anuary	1.768	1.037	742	1.779	1.019	355	1.374
ebruary	2.012	987	912	1,899	1.051	438	1,489
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pril		893	812	1,705	1.089	486	1,575
fay		741	602	1.343	887	395	1,282
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ugust		479	588	1.067	559	360	919
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ctober	1.459	929	410	1,339	998	303	1,301
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ebruary		800	1,041	1,841	926	327	1,253
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Figures by N. Y. Coffee & Sugar Exchange, Inc., in bags of origin. (Preliminary)

#### The coffee outlook

With roasted coffee sales beginning to ease off from the winter high toward the seasonal low, the trade has been watching with some concern the tendency to turn to price deals.

Unique was Maxwell House Coffee's promotion of a ten cent deal. In addition to large scale newspaper advertising, the deal was lithographed right onto the cover of the can. Inside the can, the consumer was informed, was a coupon good for ten cents on the next can of Maxwell House Coffee.

As the month drew to a close, it was reported that Maxwell House would also be given a cut of one cent a pound at the wholesale level.

It was hoped that such deals would remain isolated and would not touch off a pattern for similar merchandising by

Apart from the fact that such knock-down drag-out fights do none of its participants any good, its most serious effect might be as a diversion.

With the industry moving this month into one of the most intensive campaigns for coffee yet seen, what is needed is the fullest possible cooperation and unity to build extra volume through promotion of the coffee break.

At one of the trade meetings to hear PACB's presentation, a number of coffee men were heard to express, half jokingly, half seriously, questions about the extra three million bags of coffee quoted as a possible gain if the drive is to succeed.

Coming at a time when crop reports indicate a tight supply situation, it might seem contradictory that the industry should go out for another three million bags.

As this corner sees it, the question is not one to disturb you. Rather, you should be concerned about whether or not the drive will succeed; this question is one which can have a vital impact on your business well-being.

The additional supplies are not an immediate problem. The drive is not a short term one. The extra three million bags won't be needed this season, or next, or even the one after-unless the response to the drive is phenomenal.

As the campaign succeeds in expanding consumption, the coffee will become available. Additional plantings in recent years, plus more efficient methods of cultivation and of combatting insect ravages, will yield the extra volume as needed. Helpful, too, will be the knowledge in the coffee producing countries that the demand is there.

In the meantime, imports this year are at a high level. Preliminary reports indicate a level of 282,000,000 pounds in February, valued at more than \$150,000,000.

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# Shipping

Torm Line's second new motorship launched

The Birgette Torm, second of the Torm Line's new motorships, was successfully launched at the Nakskov Yard, Denmark, according to a report from the Copenhagen headquarters of the line to their New York agents, J. F. Whitney & Co.

The addition to the Torm fleet, to be used in the service between United States Atlantic ports and the East Coast of South America, is expected to be completed by the builders and delivered to the owners about mid-June. She is scheduled for her maiden voyage to Brazil, Uruguay and the Argentine during the first half of July.

The vessel is expected to load at Torm's usual United States ports of call, Boston, Norfolk, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

Her sister ship, the Estrid Torm is scheduled for April departures from these ports on her maiden voyage.

Both ships are said to be of the most modern design and construction.

#### L. E. Barry to head Delta Line in South America

L. E. Barry, traffic manager in New York of the Delta Line, Inc., New Orleans, has been elected a vice president of the company.

Mr. Barry, with headquarters in Rio de Janeiro, will have supervision over all agencies of the company in South America, it was announced by Theodore Brent, Delta Line president.

Mr. Barry assumes his new post May 1st.

#### East Coast Colombian freighting agreement extended

The East Coast Colombian Conference has announced that the freighting agreements, due to expire March 31st, 1952, have been extended until May 31st.

#### Eight men held in \$29,000 Maxwell House coffee theft

Eight men were held on grand larceny charges recently in the theft of more than \$29,000 worth of coffee from the Maxwell House Division of General Foods, Hoboken, N. J.

Police said the coffee was stolen by the case—24 one-pound cans to the case—over a period of seven months by the men, who worked at the Maxwell House plant.

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# Editorials

#### Solubles

For a while now, the coffee industry has been simmering with a give-and-take of opinions on solubles.

As is true, we suspect, in most such discussions, examination of the subject has ranged from the practical to the fanciful.

In the first category are the roasters who have been mulling over the question of whether to put their own brands into solubles, and if so, how.

In the second category are those members of the fraternity who have been peering gloomily into the future and predicting dire events to the industry as solubles shove regular coffee entirely out of the picture.

We don't think solubles are going to replace regular coffee. Nor do we think solubles are a temporary fad, which will disappear if frowned upon by the coffee industry.

Solubles are a fact. They are here, and here to stay.

We don't consider them a threat to regular coffee, in spite of the pessimistic pronouncements which have been coming our way recently.

In the first place, they are not important enough. They represent a significant and growing segment of coffee consumption, but still a minor one in comparison to the massive main channels of consumption.

Somehow the impression has been created that in the past year an enormous rise in solubles volume has taken place. This impression has no foundation in fact.

On the other hand, there bas been an enormous rise in the coffee trade's attention to solubles.

A sharp increase in solubles consumption has taken place, but in all the years since the war, not just in the past dozen months.

What is recent is the recognition of this development throughout the industry.

This widening awareness has been prodded by various events, including the move by a number of regional roasters to get their brands into soluble form.

Other roasters are considering whether, and through what methods, to do the same with their own brands.

But the fact is that until now we have seen no evidence that solubles have grown to the point where they are, in any marketing area, major competition to regular coffees.

Nor have we seen any evidence, even in the markets where solubles have achieved their greatest advances, that they have done so at the expense of regular coffees.

On the contrary, there is evidence that solubles are opening up new markets for coffee. With solubles, coffee

is being served where before it was not in the picture.

Solubles seem to be filling a need for a coffee beverage for extra occasions and situations when regular coffee is usually not considered.

The bulk of soluble consumption, in other words, is extra consumption for coffee.

This factor alone, we believe, puts into proper perspective gloomy forecasts, such as the one of a 40 per cent drop in consumption in this country as a result of a shift to solubles.

A drastic shift to solubles just hasn't been happening. On the other hand, consumption of solubles has been growing. But it has had the character of a companion item to regular coffee, with the net effect of broadening total absorption of coffee in this country.

#### England ends the tea subsidy

Great Britain has taken one more step in the slow, massive return of this tea market, largest in the world, to the prewar status of freedom from controls.

Last year, long after the close of the war, England finally restored the London tea auctions. Since then Mincing Lane has attempted to fulfill its functions as of yore, but with the weighty additional factors of the tea subsidy and price controls and rationing.

Now England, under the new government, has terminated the eight shillings per pound subsidy, although price controls seem slated to remain, possibly with some modifications.

When such an action is taken in the most decisive tea market in the world, it becomes a subject for close study by tea men everywhere.

In the United States, some sources, in an initial reaction, feel that the net result might be to create a healthier situation in England, where tea has been retailed too cheaply for too long, with effects elsewhere that would not be adverse.

Other sources raise the question of the impact of a sharp price rise on total demand in England.

Whatever does develop as a result of the removal of the subsidy, producers can take comfort from the knowledge that in the United States a national tea drive is underway, on the "partnership marketing" basis.

The world has moved far from the early postwar situation of more demand than supply.

Under these conditions, the fact that the drive in this country has been gaining momentum for several years reflects high credit on the foresight of our international tea leaders.

This investment in time may yield much needed dividends.

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- · Tea Packaging for the Trade

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Now sales director of the Brownell & Field Co., Providence, R. I., Bill learned about selling at the grass roots. At the time when drug stores had been handling many items other than drugs, he was a key merchandiser for the Cunningham drug chain in Detroit. What was then the largest drug store in the world was set up along the modern merchandising lines by Bill.



Robert A. Lewis

For years, be represented

the tea growers in this country as a merchandising expert with

# Jea leaves

pointed comments by a tea trade dean By ROBERT A LEWIS

the Tea Bureau, and he set up offices for them in Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cleveland and Boston.

The use of billboards in supermarkets was his idea, and was initially adopted by McCann's in Pittsburgh in 1936.

During the war years be worked with Geoffrey Baker, now vice president of the Ralston Purina Co., on pricing problems in industry.

On July 15th, 1948, be joined Brownell & Field, bardbitting regional packers, as sales bead. He is, as you can see, in a position to give a down-to-earth answer to the vital question which is the title of his guest column.—R.A.L.

# Does Tea Council advertising help us?

By WILLIAM S. GRANT, Guest Columnist

In my opinion, the enterprise of the tea growers and the American tea industry is divided into three major phases. The first phase is research on the use of the product and the

best methods of increasing its usage. The second phase is advertising of the product by the Tea Council. The third phase is adoption by brand packers of the knowledge revealed by the Tea Council for inclusion in their own advertising, merchandising and sales efforts.

It would be costly indeed for a regional packer to discover on his own such important facts regarding the habits of the tea drinkers as those disseminated by the con-



William S Grant

sumer research surveys of Elmo Roper. Knowing that people buy tea because they believe it is a stimulating drink, and that a good part of the populace buys it because it is a relaxing drink, is a guidepost for us in developing advertising copy and merchandising display pieces for use in stores. We believe by doing so we are then presenting our product in the most favorable light to the tea drinker or the prospective tea drinker.

Mr. Roper also tells us—as well as the other divisions making up the Tea Council—that a certain percentage of people prefer tea bags to bulk tea; that a certain percentage make iced tea in quantity, rather than in individual servings; and that there are those people who prepare their tea according to color rather than as to taste.

If we had been left to our own resources, it would indeed take courage to state that:

"To make good tea, the steps are three—

1. Have the water for your tea

Boiling, boiling merrily!

- Tea bag or teaspoon—it matters not One for each cup and one for the pot
- Don't skimp the time in which to brew it Three minutes or more—no less will do it!"

However, since that is the consensus of opinion of the principal tea men in the nation, we are certain we are telling the consuming public a very factual formula, for a good cup of tea. The Tea Council also seems to be unanimous in iits opinion that tea bags packed no more than 200 to a pound are more conducive to pleasing tea drinkers and creating new tea drinkers than tea bags packed 250 to a pound.

It has been brought forth that price is not the top determining factor in the sale of a brand. Price is either third or fourth on the list. We have accepted that thought, and find to our satisfaction that it is very true indeed. Price seems to determine only where a consumer will buy a brand which he has already decided is the brand he wants. We have seen many instances where cheaper teas do not enjoy a sale, even though they are lower in price on the shelf.

The advertising program of the Tea Council is only important insofar as it is something for us to tie into. We do not expect the Tea Council's advertising alone will result in any marked increase in the consumption of tea. It is only when the packers—regional or national—tie in with that program and repeat its messages many times that the overall consumption of tea will increase. We estimate that in our area there is about two cents per family per year being spent in advertising through the Tea Council's efforts. This weak base becomes potent through repetition of our—and other Tea Council members'—tie-in promotions and advertising.

A recent illustration was the national "Take Tea and See Week," when we ran our advertisements along the line of "Take Autocrat Tea and See—how delicious it

At New York's first Mardi Gras Ball, held for the benefit of the Junior League's Welfare Fund, one of the sponsors Thomas J. Lipton. Inc. Here Junior Leaguer Roseanne Bennett is shown wearing the Lipton costume, a standout even at this spectacular party. The headress is a teapot, the necklace teaspoons, the bracelets Lipton tee abgs. Emily Wilkens designed the novel outfit.



tastes." We included in the ads that it was national "Take Tea and See Week."

Of course advertising is only a segment of an operation necessary toward increased sales of a product. Another important segment is the merchandising of the advertising. The Tea Council is intelligent in its organization structure in that all of its advertising is presented for consideration to a merchandising committee. This merchandising committee, as the trade knows, is a group of executives of principal tea distributors, representing national as well as regional packers.

Therefore, when the Tea Council's advertisements appear, they are adapted for merchandising purposes. The regional or national packer has to exert considerable energy saleswise in order to capitalize on the big color ads on tea as they appear in Life, Saturday Evening Post, etc. Obviously, too, it is nice for a regional packer to show a retailer he is part of a program where full-page ads appear in national publications such as Life. The regional packer alone could never hope to have a full-page ad in such publications.

Reference was made above to our tie-in with national "Take Tea and See Week." You may be interested in the details of a method we followed in a tie-in with a specific Tea Council program.

Two summers ago, meetings were held in New York City by principals in the tea industry, at which time the research department revealed that people very seldom drink iced tea alone. It was stated that although iced tea was a mealtime beverage, there was also a good percentage of people who consumed iced tea between meals, invariably with crackers and cheese, etc.

As a result of this research, the advertising experts made layouts of beautiful color ads, showing a very appetizing glass of iced tea sitting on a plate surrounded by crackers. The merchandising committee knew this type of ad was indeed a stimulant to store displays of allied products, and arranged for contacts with Sidney Johnson, of the National Biscuit Co., for a tie-in promotion. Specific dates were set for the appearance of the ad, and of National Biscuit Co.—Ritz cracker ads, which also would show a glass of iced tea.

This information was broadcast by the men at the Tea Bureau to the trade. When it reached our company, we contacted the local National Biscuit representative, Chan Fountain, and told him of our plan to build displays of Ritz Crackers and iced tea. We obtained copies of the ad, on which we imprinted our brand name—Autocrat—for use in these displays and as window posters. We obtained from the National Biscuit representative some of his material featuring iced tea and Ritz Crackers. We gave Ritz Crackers to our sales force, and the National Biscuit Co. gave Autocrat Tea to its sales force.

Of course, other brand packers did the same, so we were not alone in our territory in this program.

We then arranged with as many markets as our sales force was able to cover to build floor displays of Autocrat Tea and Ritz Crackers. We recognized that the more effort we put into the program, the better the results would be, as well as the greater the good will of National Biscuit salesmen toward our product because of this strenuous effort.

I think it will be recognized that the Tea Council program is in a way only a symbol, and that if we sat on our hands and depended upon Tea Council advertising to better our business, we would be naive indeed. We have to fight for tea sales, and we do appreciate the support anyone gives us. Consequently, we sincerely appreciate the intelligent support of the Tea Council operation.

#### Argentina's tea imports

In 1947-49, imports of tea averaged over 600 tons, and in 1949 they were over 700 tons. But a surplus of imported tea remained in stock in the beginning of 1950, and imports were reduced materially in that year to about 177 tons.

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# Program set for mid-year meeting of Tea Association in New York City on May 1st

A program designed to bring the trade up-to-date on current problems and activities has been prepared for the mid-year meeting of the Tea Association of the U.S.A.

The event will take place on May 1st at the Hotel Plaza, New York City, it has been confirmed by Herbert Claridge, president of the association.

The meeting will be open to everyone in the tea, grocery and restaurant trades, whether members of the association

Arthur Motley, editor of Parade, will be the featured speaker at the luncheon with which the program will open.

Carl Dipman, editor of Progressive Grocer, will open the afternoon session with a talk on "What Every Tea Salesman Should Know," following which Robert B. Smallwood, chairman of the Tea Council and president of Thomas J. Lipton, Inc., will report on his stewardship of the Tea Council.

Richard Heath, executive vice president of the Leo Burnett Co., Inc., advertising agency representing the Tea Council, will discuss the Council's coming iced tea campaign, including both the advertising and merchandising programs.

John Halloran, of the Salada Tea Co. and member of the U. S. Board of Tea Experts, will round out the program by presenting, with comments, a Kodachrome film on the tea producing countries.

Problems of the industry will be discussed by the members

of the Tea Association at an informal meeting which will follow the formal program.

The meeting will open with a luncheon session at 12:15 p.m., followed by business sessions from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., and winding up with a cocktail party from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

#### New iced tea dispenser introduced by Vaculator

Something new in iced tea dispensers has been introduced this season by the Hill-Shaw Co., makers of Vaculator tea and coffee brewing equipment, according to an announcement

by Jon Zitz, general sales

manager.

Vaculator's new tea dispenser features a clear, heatresistant glass brewing-serving chamber with a screened design of a Polar Bear floating amid ice cubes. When tea is brewed, the white bear stands out against the dark tea background. The caption states, Drink Iced Tea.

The Polar Bear invitingly pictures the tea to be refreshing and ice cold. Tests

show that iced tea sales increase appreciably with the use of this dispenser, Mr. Zitz declared.

Tea is brewed in the clear glass chamber and dispensed with a push button one-hand-operated faucet. The base is ebony glass, with a polished surface for easy cleaning. The top cover is an odorless, tasteless black plastic.



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# Indonesia's tea outlook

As the world's supply of tea moves into balance with demand, factors which may tip the balance one way or the other become critically important.

Probably the most decisive of these factors is Indonesia. Hit bard by the war, tea production there has slowly been

struppling back.

How fast has the rebabilitation gone? How fast will progress be in the period abead? These are key questions in any evaluation of the outlook for tea. Here are some answers, as summarized by "Capital," of Calcutta.

Indonesia—the Netherlands East Indies—as the world's third largest producer of tea before the war, had an acreage equal to two-thirds and production equal to two-fifths of the Indian figure. Her acreage under tea was the same as Ceylon's but output was only three quarters of the latter's.

Tea plantations were started in Java more than a century ago, but proved successful only after the introduction of the Assam seed in 1872. This soon supplanted the Chinese variety, to which both soil and climate had been unsuited. Java teas have a black and attractive leaf appearance during the greater part of the year, but get a rather brownish appearance during the dry season (July-September), when the flavor improves. They are well-made, good, useful and attractive blenders, soft and of medium strength in the cup.

Tea growing is comparatively recent in Sumatra, where it was started in 1910 by the Rubber Plantations Investment Trust. Sumatra teas are distinguished by their attractive leaf and are not as subject to seasonal variations as the Java variety. The finest Javas, comparable to the Indian and Ceylon blacks, come from the Pengalengan plateau; most of the Sumatras are grown in the region

around Permatang Siantar on the east coast.

Tea is cultivated both on large estates (mostly in Java) and in smaller native tea gardens. Estates are of three kinds: highland, medium elevation and lowland. A large part of the tea, both for home and foreign consumption, comes from the latter two. Native gardens are found on steep slopes or waste ground, tea often being interplanted with such crops as bananas, tapioca, chillies, etc.

On the eve of World War II, there were nearly 337 estates, covering an area of 346,000 acres, and producing 156,000,000 pounds. Peasants' gardens covered 184,000 acres with an output of 28,000,000 pounds. Thus the total area under tea was 530,000 acres, with a combined

production of 184,000,000 pounds.

From 1942 to 1946 Indonesian tea was excluded from the world market. The industry suffered considerable damage in the war years and after. Destruction on plantations was enormous, being estimated at 25 per cent in Java and 35 per cent in Sumatra. Factories were converted to the manufacture of textiles and chemicals and put to military uses. Hardly 25 per cent of Java's 220 large tea factories were operating in 1944. Production fell from a peak of 194,000,000 pounds in 1941 to only 10,000,000 pounds in 1944. In the next two years it was almost negligible.

Tea cultivation was resumed in Java in 1947 and a year

later in Sumatra. In 1948 60 factories were working in Java and seven in Sumatra, against 243 and 34 respectively in the prewar period. Production, which showed a tendency to improve in 1948, suffered as a result of terrorist activities, but rose to 60,000,000 pounds in 1949. With greater security after the transfer of sovereignty to the Indonesians at the end of 1949, the tea industry recovered further and during the first year of the republic output rose to 78,000,000 pounds, two-fifths of the 1939 figures.

Although production on peasants' gardens can be said to have attained the prewar level, rehabilitation was very slow in 1950. Not only did the actual area under tea in postwar years fall short of the 539,800 acres permissible under the International Tea Regulation scheme, but output per acre on estates was only 165 pounds in 1950, compared with 451 pounds in 1949. There are indications, however, that more estates are returning to production.

Nevertheless, considering the very heavy damage suffered during and since the war, it is too optimistic to expect Indonesian tea to reach in the near future, either in

quality or quantity, its prewar standards.

The International Tea Agreement fixed the annual Indonesian export quota at 173.6 million pounds, or about 21.5 per cent of the total exports of the three chief producers. Actual exports rose from 158,000,000 pounds in 1933 to 162,000,000 pounds in 1939. Shipments in 1941 totalled 167,000,000 pounds, the highest since the inception of the international tea regulation scheme.

During the war years there were no exports from Indonesia. Large stocks of old tea carried over from the pre-war days had accumulated, and to clear them off after necessary reconditioning the Netherlands Indies Government Import and Export Organization was created toward the end of 1945. After some time, the government also allowed private interests to barter unsold tea on an ex-

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Aptly named the Quartet Sampler, this die cut carton imported from England contains cellophene wrapped one-quarter pound tins of four different Ridgeways Teas—Her Majesty's Bland, Darjaeling, Five O'Clock and Earl Grey. The package is being distributed through fine food departments and stores by Shaffer, Clarke & Co., Inc., New York City. The retail price of the Quartet Sampler is about \$3.85.

# Tea Movement into the United States (Figures in 1,000 pounds)

Black	YEAR 1950	Jan. 1951	Feb. 1951	Mar. 1951	April 1951	May 1981	June 1951	July 1951	Aug. 1951	Sept. 1951	Oct. 1951	Nov. 1951	Dec. 1951	YEAR 1951	Jan. 1952	Feb. 1952
Ceylon	44,266	1,878	2,125	2,991	2,900	2,597	2.309	2,787	3.432	1.924	2,209	1.784	2,457	29,394	3,400	3,384
India	41,678	3,719	2.894	4,000	4,460	5,888	2,233	909	930	1,613	2,173	1.422	3,090	33,328	3,072	2,942
Formosa	4,556	136	236	253	366	197	284	260	187	135	208	133	193	2,587	493	293
Java	8,206	595	583	844	774	549	552	605	865	375	881	319	578	7,519	813	730
Africa	6,933	886	450	714	747	715	684	652	462	242	191	148	15	5,906	107	242
Sumatra	952	55	200	196	- 29	20	75	65	161	134	43	49	37	1,065	124	45
Congou	93	12	6	3	13	3								37	***	
Misc.	1,127	31	52	21	69	37	205	42	55	29	29	12	4	575	35	34
Green																
Japan	4,523	16	27	267	68	8	193	460	720	569	384	52	144	2,906	47	5
Ping Suey	106	83	22					1						105		
Misc.	442	13	1	17	10	32			23	7	51	24	5	286	6	
Oolong																
Formosa	534	7	44	41	25	26	21	1			8	3	58	236	24	22
Canton	163	11	7	18	21	6	5	i	6		3	3	21	106	10	3
Scatd Cata	180	11	10	36	21	6	1	3	3	3 2	2		2	97	5	1
Misc.	15			11					_				3	14		
Mixed	137	5	10	20	15	2	9	1	3	1	3	1	4	84	8	3
TOTALS	113,811	7.480	6.667	9.433	9.518	10,075	6.571	5.787	6.847	5,034	6.185	3,952	6,618	84,146	8,144	7,704

Figures cover teas examined and passed, do not include rejections. Based on reports from U. S. Tea Examiner C. F. Hutchinson

# Tea industry weighs impact of U. K.'s move to end subsidy

The United Kingdom, in a move considered likely since the last elections, last month removed the 8d a pound subsidy on tea. Members of the tea industry in England and in producing countries are weighing the impact of the change.

News of removal of the subsidy came in the government's report on its budget for the coming period.

In London, the Ministry of Food conferred with trade representatives and worked out methods of handling practical details of the termination of the subsidy.

It was announced that the subsidy would not be credited on teas sold in the London auctions after March 15th, and it would not be paid on primary wholesaler's declarations made on or after March 12th.

Reports prior to the subsidy announcement indicated that the producing countries might accompany such a move with reductions in their export duties and that the U.K. would also raise the price ceiling on tea 4d a pound.

After the subsidy announcement, Pakistan declared its export duty on tea would be cut from 4 annas a pound to 3 annas.

In India, considerable agitation for abolition of the export tax on tea, or at least modification of was reported.

Pending news of British action on the price ceiling, the trade was attempting to assess the effect of the withdrawal of the 8d subsidy on demand in England, the world's largest market for tea.

It was feared that a sudden rise at retail levels might reduce demand and contribute to a general decline in prices at the source.

#### Marion Carter joins Tea Bureau

Marion Carter has joined the Tea Bureau, Inc., New York City, as a writer and assistant to William F. Treadwell, director of information, it was announced by Anthony Hyde, president of the Bureau.

Miss Carter is a former New York Journal-American feature writer and an El Morocco and the Colony Restaurant publicist.

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# Eight-year rise in tea consumption in U. S. aids dollar-hungry Southeast Asia

Increased tea consumption by Americans is playing an important part in providing purchasing power for dollarhungry Southeast Asian nations, Anthony Hyde, president

of the Tea Bureau, Inc., pointed out last month in a statement showing a 62 per cent increase in tea drinking in the United States in the last eight years.

"More and more people, both men and women, are drinking tea in the United States each year," said Mr. Hyde. "Since 1943, which was the wartime low, when tea was hard to get, consumption of tea has increased 62 per cent in this country. And



Anthony Hyde

tea consumption, both overall and per capita is still going up.

"An all time high (with the exception of wartime scare buying in 1941) of 98,266,000 popunds of tea moved to the shelves of retailers in the U. S. in 1951," Mr. Hyde continued. "This was 37,766,000 more pounds than was absorbed by the retailers in 1943. Each intervening year

has shown a steady increase, reflecting an increase in the tea drinking habits of the nation."

This increase in the consumption of tea is the result of a nationwide campaign sponsored by the Tea Council to promote tea drinking in the United States and to help the tea producing countries of Southeast Asia overcome dollar shortages, he indicated.

The American tea trade has joined with the tea producing countries in what former E.C.A. Administrator Paul Hoffman called "partnership marketing," according to Mr. Hyde.

The degree of success of the efforts to promote tea in this country can be seen from the fact that dollar earnings of the tea producing countries have increased from a total yearly average of \$12,447,000 in the seven-year period of 1933-1940 to a total yearly average of \$40,735,000 in the 1948-1951 period, he pointed out. These dollar earnings, of course, reflect the poundage and the average price paid.

In 1951 member countries of the International Tea Market Expansion Boatd received \$34,736,000 for tea sold in the United States. Of this amount, \$15,695,000 went to India-Pakistan; \$13,848,000 to Ceylon; \$4,031,000 to Indonesia and \$1,162,000 to British East Africa.

But money spent by Americans for tea remains in the United States and plays its part in helping both American industry and international relations, as well as fighting Communism, Mr. Hyde explained.

"This increased tea consumption by Americans," he said, 
"has an important effect on the financial stability of the 
friendly nations of Southeast Asia, which are so important 
to us in our fight against worldwide Communism."

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Mayor Darst crowns 17-year-old Marian Lee Burnett

## Crowning of 1952 Iced Tea Queen in St. Louis opens trade's new drive

The tea industry's half-million dollar 1952 iced tea campaign got under way in St. Louis last month with the selection of lovely, 17-year-old Marian Lee Burnett as Iced Tea Queen for the coming season.

Acclaimed by press and radio, the petite, blonde and blue-

eyed miss was crowned by St. Louis' genial Mayor, Joseph M. Darst.

More than 100 leading food companies and associations will join with the tea industry in celebrating National Iced Tea Time, July 11th to 19th. Advertising and food releases will stress the theme that the thoroughly American iced tea is the drink best suited to all hot weather meals.

Newspapers, magazines, motion pictures, radio and television carry news about the arrival of the iced tea season.

Restaurants and drug stores everywhere will emphasize iced tea on their menus. To assure "that homemade flavor" in restaurant iced tea, the brewing committee of the Tea Association has emphasized its two-ounce formula, approved by the National Restaurant Association, to restaurants and drug chains throughout the country.

#### "Best Summer-time Refresher"

As its slogan for 1952 the Tea Council has chosen "Best Summertime Refresher of Them All". The now familiar red tea pot with its "Take Tea and See' legend will still be everywhere in evidence—but for the summer it will be frozen in a block of ice.

The new Iced Tea Queen, a recent high school graduate, was chosen from more than 1,000 St. Louis beauties entered in the contest. Since iced tea was first discovered at the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1904, the tea industry selects a St. Louis girl each year as its iced tea queen.

The St. Louis Post Dispatch and Globe Democrat and the wire services carried pictures and stories of the selection of the Queen. St. Louis stations WEW, WIL, KFUO, KSD, KWK, KSTL and KXOK announced the names of the winner and the ten runners-up, while NBC and CBS broadcast the selection of the new queen from coast-to-coast. Miss

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Burnett was also interviewed on the Hal Frederick Show, KXOK; the Harry Honeig Show, KSD-TV, and the Betty Ann Show, KXLW.

A \$1,000 wardrobe and accessories and \$100 in modeling fees were given the new queen. George Fisher, famous CBS Hollywood Commentator, arranged a number of additional glamour gifts for the Queen from Hollywood.

Three leading St. Louis department stores, Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barney; Stix-Baer & Fuller and Famous-Barr welcomed the queen and used her in pictures and advertising.

Immediately following her selection, Miss Burnett flew to Chicago to make her first public appearance outside St. Louis at the Independent Grocers Association convention in the "Windy" City. There she charmed the Independent Grocers and posed for photographs with them. Denise Darcel and Jack Eigen interviewed her on Jack's WMAQ-NBC program.

#### London, Calcutta tea men visit U.S.

In the United States for a visit last month were James McFarlane, of Octavius Steel & Co., London, and L. Fuller Hall, of Octavius Steel & Co., Ltd., Calcutta.

After a weeks stay in New York City, Mr. Fuller Hall left for London by air and Mr. McFarlane went to the West Coast of Canada, returning to New York via Chicago.

During their stay, they made their headquarters with George C. Cholwell & Co., Inc., New York City, agents for Betts, Hartley & Huett, Ltd.

Octavius Steel & Co., Ltd., are managing agents for Betts, Hartley & Huett, Ltd., London and Calcutta.

# Point-of-sale aids back Canada's national "Tea Time" promotion

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- 2. A display poster with the message, "Tea gives you over 200 cups to the pound";
- 3. Scarlet streamers proclaiming "It's Tea Time in City."

#### Luttrell named vice chairman of McCormick

- J. Grayson Luttrell, executive vice president of McCormick & Co., Inc., and international authority on tea, has been named vice chairman of the board of the company.
- A. Joynes Beane, a vice president, will succeed Mr. Luttrell as the spice and tea company's executive vice president, according to Charles P. McCormick, president and chairman of the board.

Keene A. Roadman has been appointed advertising manager, succeeding Gerald Baxter.

#### Eight-year rise

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"Tea is India's second biggest export item to the United States. It is Ceylon's biggest dollar earner. In addition, the dollars earned by all these countries are, of course, spent in the United States and therefore provide jobs for the American worker."



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#### Indonesia's tea outlook

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port system to Singapore, from where it was re-exported to the Middle East and Persian Gulf territories.

The tea exported by private interests was of very poor quality, and as a consequence Indonesia lost much of her overseas market. Exports, which equalled 90 per cent of production in the prewar period, were only 70 per cent in 1948. The situation was disquieting.

Indonesia persuaded the Netherlands to buy 18 to 20,000,000 pounds of tea between September, 1948. and August, 1949. In 1949, actual exports totalled 48,000.000 pounds, of which the Dutch share was 60 per cent. They increased in the following year to 64,000,000 pounds. In terms of prewar exports and of the export quota fixed under the International Tea Agreement, shipments in 1950 were two-fifths and one-third respectively.

In 1939 Australia was the biggest buyer of Indonesia tea, taking 39,000,000 pougds, or one-fourth of the total exports. She was followed by the Netherlands (32,000,000), United States (30,000,000), Egypt and the Sudan (17,000,000), and the United Kingdom (11,000,000).

When the Netherlands was occupied by Germany in 1940 the United Kingdom made a bulk purchase of 40,000,000 pounds of tea from Indonesia. In 1950, half of the total exports of 64,000,000 pounds went to the Netherlands. Egypt and the Sudan (11,000,000 pounds), Australia, United Kingdom, and United States (each 5,000,000 pounds) were other important customers.

Indonesian tea was among the most important of Dutch

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imports in the prewar period and in 1950. Before the war the Netherlands re-exported between 5,000,000 and 10,000,000 pounds a year, principally to Germany, Russia and Britain. In the postwar period, annual re-exports totalled 7,000,000 pounds, mainly to Germany and the United States. Australia, whose share of Indonesian tea was 70 per cent in 1939-40 and 84 per cent in 1940-41, took a negligible share of 4 per cent in 1949-50. The United States and Egypt also bought far less in the postwar period.

The traditional customers of Indonesian tea have by now developed a taste for Indian and Ceylon blacks which will be very difficult to change. With a prospect of bigger supplies from areas like China, Formosa, Japan, and British East Africa, increased production is likely to cause a slump in Indonesia's tea export industry.

It is estimated that before the war, Indonesia had an estimated productive capacity of 280,000,000 pounds. Apart from heavy damage, about 30 per cent of the prewar acreage was transferred to other crops during the Japanese occupation. Much capital, which small estate owners might not be able to invest, will be necessary if this area is to grow tea again.

Though production will probably increase in coming years, Indonesia's tea industry might not, even under the best conditions, be able to attain three-fourths of its prewar productive capacity.

#### Bell Coffee Corp. dissolved

The Bell Coffee & Tea Co., Inc., Dallas, Texas, has been dissolved, it was announced by the office of the Texas secretary of state, Austin.

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# Luzianne's new fiber coffee can

By W. McKENNON

Source of much of the charm of New Orleans is its adberence to traditions and tastes unlike those in other parts of the country. This is as true of coffee as of architecture and other facets of the city.

In New Orleans and Louisiana, more than elsewhere in the country, consumers don't take their coffee straight. They like it with chicory.

In packaging, too, the region is relatively distinctive. Here the fiber can with metal top and bottom is accepted sa a common packaging for coffee.

In this coffee container, as in other types, development is continuous. Here is the story of a redesign job on a fiber coffee can as carried through by one of the leading packers in the area.

Tradition is an important factor in New Orleans. The old city clings to customs and manners of former years. A great percentage of the businesses are handed from father to son. Such is the Luzianne Coffee Co., founded by William B. Reily, presently under the management of his son, William B. Reily, Jr. William B. Reily, III is presently serving with the U. S. Navy.

At the Luzianne Coffee Co., however, tradition and progress go hand in hand. Luzianne Coffee has been a highly popular brand since 1903, and the reason it continues in that place is widely held to be its dependable, unchanged quality and the constant improvement in management, production and marketing.

The Luzianne Coffee Co. is now offering its coffee and chicory blend in a new container. The new package, a round fiber can, is opened by using a string, which eliminates the danger of broken fingernails and scratched fingers sometimes experienced in opening an ordinary can. Introduction of the new container was announced in the local daily paper and in a daily 15-minute television program.

The string opening has several advantages. It is tamperproof, is easy and novel to open, provides a full opening for dispensing, and has a simple and positive reclosure. It has met with enthusiastic response from the consumer and the grocer, it is reported.

In 1951 Luzianne officials discussed with the Sefton Fibre Can Co., of New Orleans, the possibility of producing a new coffee container with the string opening and with the protection and package appeal required for their product. Sefton, which had been producing for Luzianne a square tea container with a metal top and bottom and a string opening, submitted the improved round can which is now being used.

One of the problems to be overcome was the stacking feature necessary for easy handling on the grocers' shelves. Sefton revamped the metal dies to provide a drawn raised



Luzianne Coffee'n ew package, or round fiber car with metal top and bottom, is opened by merely pulling a string. The new container was promoted via newspaper and television advertising.

circle in the can ends, which answered the stacking problem and provided additional strength at the ends.

The original carton used for tea was thought not entirely suitable for coffee, since an air-tight container was desired for the latter. Hence, the interior of the fiber can was treated to shut out air and to give the can the high degree of protection required in the South, where humidity is high.

Luzianne formerly bought their labels and spot glued them to the coffee cans at their plant. Under the new arrangements, Sefton supplies the cans with the label applied with an overall glue bond. The coffee is packed into the can and the top metal lid crimped on at the Luzianne plant, the latter operation being handled by an automatic closing machine made by the Angeles Sanitary Can Machine Co., of Los Angeles. This change in label procedure cuts down markedly on the space needed at the Luzianne plant, effecting substantial label savings and making possible a better appearance.

The same colorful wrapper known so well to the housewives of Louisiana is used on the new cans, and the same coupons formerly included in every can of Luzianne Coffee are found in the new package. These coupons are redeemable for gifts at various premium stores throughout the city.

#### Atlantic Coffee names California representative

M. A. Shirley and Robert E. Burke, of Shirley Sales & Associates, will represent the Atlantic Coffee Bag Co., Inc., in California, it has been announced by T. H. Puchkoff, sales manager.

#### People, Firms

#### American Can expands container development plans

Creation of a new packaging development division in the American Can Co.'s general sales department, designed to further step up the company's continuing program for developing new containers and new uses for existing ones, has been announced by T. E. Alwyn, vice president of sales.

The new division will serve as a coordinating agency between sales, manufacturing, research and other company departments, Mr. Alwyn said. Particular interest of the division will be centered on the development of containers under the "Operation Survival" program, a long-range research project which seeks perfection of containers made entirely from materials available on the North American conti-

Operation of the new packaging division will be under the supervision of T. F. Brennan, who has been named manager.

#### Gair buys American Coating Mills Division

George E. Dyke, president of the Robert Gair Co., Inc., New York City, and J. P. Levis, chairman of the board of the Owens-Illinois Glass Co., Toledo, have announced the sale by Owens-Illinois of the manufacturing plants,

business and inventories of its American Coating Mills Division to Gair as of April 1st, 1952.

Under the transaction, Gair, manufacturers of paperboard, folding cartons and shipping containers, will acquire paperboard mills at Elkhart, Indiana, and Middletown, Ohio, and carton fabricating plants at Elkhart, Chicago, and Grand Rapids, Michigan. In exchange, Owens-Illinois will receive approximately 400,000 shares of Gair common stock and a substantial cash consideration. Inventories will be purchased for cash.

Manufacturing operations of Owens-Illinois devoted to making corrugated boxes for the company's products will not be included in the transaction, Mr. Levis said.

The business of American Coating Mills," Mr. Dyke declared, "will be operated as a separate division of Gair under the direction of R. L. Snideman, president of American Coating Mills, and his staff. American Coating Mills will continue to service its present customers, and as a result of the transaction will have an additional source of all grades of paperboard and will be able to offer its customers other products heretofore made exclusively by Gair. The additional plants acquired through this transaction will enable Gair to extend its line of products, and to increase service to customers located in the Middle West.

#### Swiss coffee imports down in 1951

Imports of coffee into Switzerland in 1951 totaled 330,-720 bags, as compared to 421,240 bags in 1950, according to a compilation by Braunschweig & Co., Basle.

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# A cargo of cloves

On a Zanzibar wharf, a cargo of cloves is readied for the long inversey to world markets.



"The most valuable cargo of cloves known to leave Zanzi-bar is now on the way to Singapore in the 5,138-ton British steamer *Ettrickbank*. In quantity, the 1,896 tons was exceeded in 1946, but the value, £500,000, is the highest yet."

This item appeared early last year on the front page of the London Daily Telegraph. Just for the moment, it may have seemed strange that this rich argosy should be heading east and not to Europe or America, remarks Travelers' Circular, but then we reminded ourselves that, of course, the Orient has always been by far the heaviest consumer of spices. Those mountains of rice and grain and pulses, which form Asia's diet, call for the assistance of vast quantities of condiments to render them appetizing.

From the historical angle, however, the shipment may still seem strange. Only two centuries ago it would have been impossible. Cloves then came from the East and from nowhere else.

Native of the Moluccas, cloves formed one of the chief and earliest of the rewards won by the courage of Vasco da Gama and the drive and organizing ability of Henry the Navigator. For nearly a century, the Portuguese maintained their mastery of the trade, until in 1605 they were expelled by the Dutch.

The monopoly they then established was absolute and was maintained with a very strong arm. The name of Amboyna stood for cloves then as it does today, but it stood also for a massacre which was bloody even for those hard-fisted times. It was not, indeed, until 1774 that the French, after many attempts, were at last able to introduce the tree to Mauritius, from where it quickly spread to the Guianas, Brazil, most of the West Indian islands and Zanzibar.

From all these places it has since disappeared, at least as a commercial proposition, with the important exception of Zanzibar and its neighbor Pemba, where until the arrival of the "sudden death" disease, every prospect seemed to please it and it increased and multiplied to the foremost position.

Penang and Amboyna may hold higher places for quality,

but for sheer commercial use and weight the Zanzibar market was preeminent. Hence it comes that the Ettrickbank is ploughing the same waters as did the old sea-dogs, but is carrying the cargo in the opposite direction.

What the ultimate effect of the "Sudden death" disease may be, is not yet clear. Two years ago it was reported from Zanzibar that the only possible action (or inaction) was to let it run its course, plant the cleared ground with other crops and then after a decent period replant with clove trees. In August, 1950, it was announced that the Pemba Government had abandoned its attempt to control the disease by felling affected trees and their immediate neighbors. It was found that the number of trees involved would far exceed 60,000 and the cost would be nearer a million sterling than the £200,000 originally estimated—apart from compensation to growers.

To anyone with a taste, however amateur, in words for their own sake, the nomenclature of the clove will provide not a little of interest or amusement. Reaching us soon after the Norman Conquest as clon de girofle, the clove is readily recognizable as from clavus, the Latin nail. And a nail is a pretty good description of its appearance. The other half of the name, however, wanders, divagates and corrupts in all sorts of unlikely directions. Girofle fetches its ancestry clearly enough up through the Italian to a Latinization of the Greek words for nut and leaf, which is again a fairly recognizable description of the clove.

From Clow to clove was not much of a change, and the word was all ready and waiting for the introduction of the dianthus into the gardens of the herbalists, when it at once claimed the flower as the clove-pink.

When our forefathers found a good word they liked to provide it with full employment and scorned the idea of one word one job. Hence the old cookery books call for "a few cloves of garlic" and the wool, cheese and butter trades would weigh off a clove of their produce to equal seven or eight pounds avoirdupois. But these have nothing to do with the spice.



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#### Calls India's pepper outlook favorable

Despite the continued trend toward increased acreage under pepper in India and the high prices obtained for it, production of Indian pepper has not substantially increased, according to U. S. government sources. This lack of output is attributed partly to the time lapse of three to five years before the pepper vine begins to yield berries.

Another factor limiting production is that Indian pepper is not cultivated on an organized commercial scale, as are

rubber, tea, and coffee.

Trade sources continue to estimate the 1951-52 pepper crop (from November or December to February or March) at 21,000 long tons, compared with an estimate of 22,000 tons for the 1950-51 crop. The decrease in production is charged to insufficient rainfall in some pepper-growing areas of the Malabar Coast and to plucking to immature berries unusually early in the season.

Exports of pepper from India in 1951 amounted to 280,-235 hundredweight (one hundredweight equals 112 pounds) valued at 209,799,397 rupees, compared with 224,660 hundredweight valued at 142,351,020 rupees exported in

1950.

The U.S. share of total Indian pepper exports during 1951 amounted to 159,182 hundredweight valued at 114,-299,972 rupees, compared with 131,948 hundredweight

valued at 85,371,743 rupees in 1950.

As India enjoys a virtual world monopoly in black pepper, the pepper trade naturally describes the outlook for the future as "excellent." Exporters in Bombay point out, however, that the future export trade in pepper may be largely governed by the prices of Indonesian pepper and the rehabilitation of the pepper industry in that country. Still, the trade does not expect any serious competition from Indonesia for at least another two years.

The future of Indian pepper will depend on the level of world consumption, which is estimated at present to be

about 30,000 tons a year.

#### Pinch a penny---?

In discussing adulterations of pepper, H. Hadorn and R. Jungkeing (Pharm. Acta Helvet. 26:25, 1951) note that a war-time substitute for pepper is known as Congo pepper or Congo cubebs, reports Drug and Cosmetic Industry.

Bontanically, the fruits are derived from Piper guineese. A comparative examination showed a considerable difference in essential oil content: 10.6 per cent for Piper guineense against 1.3 per cent for white pepper, 1.77 per cent for black pepper, and about 10 per cent for true cubebs.

Pepper (black or white) contains 5 per cent of piperine, while the substitute has only 0.3 per cent. Resin is 2.3 per cent against 0.6 per cent for pepper and 3.7 per cent for

cubebs.

#### Dominican Republic expects good coffee year

The 1951-52 Dominican coffee crop is expected to total about 397,000 bags, as compared with 346,291 bags in the 1950-51 crop year ended September 30th. The bulk of Dominican coffee exports goes to the United States.

# Peppermint - American flavor

By N. K. ELLIS, Department of Horticulture Purdue University

#### Part II

This comprehensive article, from Chemurgic Digest, is published here by special arrangement with that publication, official organ of the National Farm Chemurgic Council, Inc.—Ed.

Many wild mints that have oils resembling peppermint are found along streams and in farm yards. These might be escapes from commercial plantings, but in most cases they yield inferior oils when distilled. It is a sound practice to eradicate all such native types before commercial production of mint oil is attempted.

Mints are perennial plants that may bloom extensively under some conditions, but, due to pollen abortion, the commercial types rarely set seed. They spread rapidly by means of surface and sub-surface stolons that may grow a distance of five feet or more during a season, when conditions are optimum.

It is the opinion of many people that the mints, in order to do well, must grow in a damp place, but this is an erroneous impression, for it has been found that the mints can be grown on a wide range of soil types and under varying conditions of moisture. Agreement is general, however, that the soil should be deep, well-drained but not draughty, and of sufficiently loose texture to permit root growth and stolon elongation.

In Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin, the mints are grown almost exclusively on highly organic soils, such as muck or peat. Mint is grown in the Yakima Valley area on a rich, deep volcanic ash that is slightly alkaline and on silt-loam and muck around Longview, Washington. The soil in the rest of the Columbia River District is an alluvial deposit that is high in organic matter. The soil in the Williamette Valley of Oregon is a deep, sandy river silt in some sections and a sandy loam in others.

Although the mints are grown on soils covering a wide range of pH values, best production is found on mineral soils of a pH between 6.0 and 7.5 and on organic soils of a pH between 5.2 and 6.7.

Mints require an even distribution of rainfall throughout the growing season for the best results. In ditch-drained muck soils the water table should be maintained at about two feet where possible, until just prior to cutting time when it is advisable to lower it to about three feet. Surface irrigation, by means of open ditches or portable sprinklers, is used extensively in the Northwest, and there is a trend toward the use of sprinklers in Michigan and Indiana.

Old mint plantings on organic soils should be plowed down to a depth of five to seven inches late in the fall, before any heavy freezes, in order to protect the stolons during the winter. After disking or harrowing in the spring to smooth the field, some fertilizer should be added to these older plantings, and then the rotary hoe or weeder should be run over the field as often as necessary to keep the weeds down. This operation can be discontinued when the mint is about six inches tall. Further weeding must be done by hand.



Planting peppermint by hand. The worker drops pieces of stolon into the furrow, steps on them and drags soil over with his feet.

On the mineral soils of the Northwest, the mint is plowed down in spring because winter killing is not a problem and much of the land is subject to flooding. The mat of stolons on the surface protects the land from erosion, and if silt is deposited by flood, it can be plowed under. Weeders and harrows are used for cultivation in the Northwest also until the mint is six to eight inches tall; than hand weeding is necessary.

No rule-of-thumb method for determining the proper time of harvest is reliable, and growers usually rely on past experience to determine the proper time to cut. A method for the Midwest is to run trial distillations when the mint appears to be ready and then apply a test for free menthol (developed by Ellis, Swift and Thornton) that indicates the proper stage for harvesting. Under the arid growing conditions of the West Coast area, however, this test has not proved of value and mint is not harvested there until it is in full flower.

Mint is cut with conventional mowing machines and left in the field until it is partially dried. It is then windrowed and, if necessary, allowed to dry further. Complete caying should be avoided because it results in heavy leaf loss during subsequent operations. Some drying is essential, however, because it makes the crop easier to handle and reduces distillation costs materially.

Mechanical choppers for loading mint in the field have been developed recently. The partially-dried hay is picked up from the windrow, chopped and blown into wagons or portable distillation tubs. This method makes it possible to process from one-fourth to one-third more herb per tub of equivalent size than is possible when unchopped hay is used.

The oil of peppermint occurs in minute glands that are found mainly on the undersides of the leaves. A limited

number of glands is also present on the stems, stolons and upper surface of the leaves, but their effect on the yield of oil is negligible. The globules of oil are held in place by a thin membrane resembling very pliable cellophane, and the oil is not released until this membrane is ruptured.

Mint oils are removed from the plant by steam distillation. Stills generally consist of a boiler that carries at least 80 pounds of pressure, two to eight galvanized sheet metal tubs or vats, a condenser for each tub, receivers or separators for collecting the oil, pumps for circulating the cooling water and hoists and hay forks for loading and unloading the tubs.

Stationary tubs are from 6 to 13 feet deep and 6 to 8 feet across the top. They taper slightly from top to bottom to facilitate removal of "spent" charges. They may be sunk in the ground or a work platform may be built up around them. If a field chopper is not used, the partially-dired hay is loaded onto wagons and hauled to the still where it is lifted into the tubs with hay forks and mechanical hoists. It is steamed slightly and tramped down. A vapor-tight cover that is connected to a condenser is placed on the tub when it is filled completely. If choppers and portable tubs are used, the tub is filled in the field and brought to the still where it is connected to the steam line and the condenser.

When the tubs are ready, steam is admitted at the bottom in such a way that it spreads out and permeates the whole "charge." The increase in temperature ruptures the oil glands and vaporizes the oil by a process of hydro-diffusion. The mixture of vaporized oil and steam passes into the condenser where it is reduced to oil and water.

Several types of condensers are in use, but the most popular consists of a worm of galvanized sheet metal pipe submerged in cold water in a large tank. Aluminum condensers are becoming increasingly popular and there are indications that they may replace the galvanized type.

The mixture of oil and water flows from the condenser into a receiver where the oil and water separate, the oil floating on the surface of the water. The receivers are patterned after a Florentine flask so that the water is drawn off at the bottom just fast enough to keep the receiver from running over.

A single distillation takes from 30 to 45 minutes. If the operator observes that there is not enough oil coming over to make the process worthwhile, he stops the water flowing from the receiver, thereby causing the oil to rise to the top of the receiver where it flows out through a spout into a suitable container.

Mint oil is a stable product when stored in drums\* or other containers that are well filled and adequately sealed. Oxidation takes place if air is admitted to a storage drum, forming a resin that must then be removed by redistillation. Fifteen per cent or more of the volume of the oil may be lost during this process.

Recognized standards on the analysis of mint oils are to be found in the United States Pharmacopæia, and oils for use in medicinal products must meet these specifications. Oils for other purposes are often sold on U.S.P. standards, but much of the oil bought for confections and other flavoring use is purchased by experienced buyers who recognize good oil by color, odor and taste. Samples of the oils may be used to make test batches of the product before the oil is accepted for purchase.

The bulk of the mint oil is purchased by a relatively small number of buyers who have representatives located in the producing areas. These dealers have facilities for blending, redistillation and packaging the oils before they are offered for sale to the consumer.

\*The term "drum" or "barrel" of mint oil usually refers to a galvanized container of 55 gallon capacity that weighs approximately 400 pounds when filled.

#### Hans Kessler heads Givandan Flavors sales

The appointment of Hans P. Kessler as sales manager of Givaudan Flavors, Inc., manufacturers of true fruit and imitation flavors, has been announced by Paul Adams, man-

ager of the firm,

Mr. Adams states that appointment has been made to keep pace with the company's continued program of expansion, so that increased attention can be given to the needs of Givaudan's customers in the flavor field.

Mr. Kessler brings a wide experience to his new position. He has been active in sales for more than 20 years and is thoroughly familiar with Giyaudan pro-



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ducts, which he has been selling abroad for more than ten years.

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# Hails opportunity for essential oil plant in Texas

An opportunity exists at Brownsville, Texas, for the establishment of a refinery for essential oils from herbs and citrus. So says Brownsville's Board of City Development.

The city, situated on the Mexican border and in the fertile Texas citrus belt, has no factory for removing oils from citrus and from numerous herbs adaptable to the area.

Dill, anise, basil and other herbs can be grown there the year around. Vanilla beans can be imported from Mexico for processing and citrus and citrus by-products are available.

Because of the plentiful labor supply, low fuel rates and cheap freight costs, the city's Board of Development believes a real opening exists for an oils factory.

Interested parties are requested to contact the Board of City Development, Brownsville, Texas, for further information. Maximum assistance will be rendered, it, was said.

Brownsville, a city of about 50,000, including suburbs, is located opposite the Mexican city of Matamoros, Tamps., of similar size, 30 miles from the Gulf of Mexico.

Weather is semi-tropical, with light rainfall, and an average temperature of 73 degrees. The city has a daily newspaper, two radio stations, a modern hospital, a junior college and good recreation facilities. Living costs are reported to be low.

#### Vanilla exports from Madagascar low in 1951

The year 1951 was a poor one for Madagascar vanilla, report U.S. government sources. Only 252 tons were produced, to which should be added an estimated 50 tons from the Comoro Islands, or a total of 302 tons.

Production in 1950 amounted to 630 tons.

Vanilla exporters state that the 1952 crop will be smaller than the 1951 crop, or about 225 tons from Madagascar and 50 to 60 tons from the Comoro Islands, a total of 275 to 285 tons.

#### Sagarin forms Research Institute

Edward Sagarin, formerly with Givaudan-Delawanna, Inc., has established the Sagarin Institute for Olfactory Research, Inc., New York City, a consulting service devoted to the evaluation of all problems relating to odor and saste.

Consultants include Dr. Dean Foster, formerly director of psychophysical and olfactory research at Joseph E. Seagrams & Sons Co.; Joseph Hersh, assistant clinical professor of otolaryngology at New York University Post-Graduate Medical School; and Dr. Bernice Wenzel, assistant professor of psychology at Barnard College.

#### Grenada M.P. in U.S. on nutmeg situation

Carlyle F. Noel, member of parliament for Grenada, B. W. I., one of the world's chief sources of nutmegs and mace, is visiting the United States in connection with modernization of the island's facilities for processing nutmegs, it

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was reported last month.

Mr. Noel, who has been contacting spice leaders while here, is associated with the Grenada Co-operative Nutmeg Association.

#### Methods of making solubles

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total consumption. In regular coffee brewing as is generally practised in the home, a good deal of the solids go down the drain with the grounds or are wasted in unconsumed beverage."

Soluble coffee has come a long way in a short time primarily because of the boost it received during World War II, Mr. Harrison declared. Its convenience for men in the field prompted its use by the Army in great volume, and this in turn was the incentive needed for producers to develop better processes.

Although there were many negative opinions about solubles, the idea of this convenient and easy way to prepare coffee very quickly caught on, he said, and clever merchandisers soon found that a new market had been created and lost no opportunity to develop it. Fabulous publicity plus continuous improvement has made such an impression on the public that soluble coffee is fast acquiring the status of a staple, he continued.

Guesses are that soluble coffee now accounts for between 12 and 17 per cent of the total national coffee volume, he reported. Surveys in New York now show that approximately 27 per cent of the total coffee volume is in soluble coffees.

"Its future is assured," Mr. Harrison added.

#### Welcome "time out"

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are handled by the younger members. This experience will stand them in good stead in future years, when they are called upon to participate in regional, or even national, coffee affairs.

Perhaps of prime importance, it has taught some the folly of trying to fill an inside straight, or the impossibility of spotting the old-timers 30 year's experience and then trying to pass the liars' box with the call "Three Sixes, a Four and a Five" on their first roll!

The San Francisco Coffee Club is a success because its members cooperate to make it so—and have fun doing it.

#### Pacific Coast growth—and coffee

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been outstanding in its marketing and distributing of both green and roast coffees.

It is natural to assume that the other importing sections of the Pacific Coast will strive to improve their positions as importing and distributing centers of coffee during the coming years. Undoubtedly there will be opportunities in all of these sections for the development of the coffee business.

#### Hitch your brand

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as over--the-wire hangers. Ample space is provided for brand imprint as well as for price insertion.

The second display piece for the grocery trade is a fourcolor 4 by 12 inch shelf-talker which is a constant remainder of the coffee-break and its benefits.

The Bureau is making available to roasters its point-ofsale material, for both the restaurant and grocery trades, at half its cost to PACB. Also, restaurant operators and grocers are being told to turn to their roasters for this material. All of this constitutes a broad and intensive advertising program to sell the coffee-break to the general public and to the restaurant and grocery trades. But another important tool is being used to help establish the coffee-break as a national institution—public relations. Perhaps the most important phase of the public relations work is publicity. PACB terms it publicity with a purpose—to increase the consumption of coffee in the United States.

One phase of the publicity sells the idea of "coffee stops"
—and is based on the premise that highway safety will be
benefited if drivers will take time out now and then for a

cup of coffee.

#### "Tenigue"

You may recall seeing the headlines which appeared all over the country last summer and fall on a story in which we coined a new word, "tenigue"—a combination of tension and fatigue. This resulted from a theme developed in cooperation with L. S. Harris, executive secretary of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

Editorial writers were quick to pick up the theme, and editorials appeared in both metropolitan and small-town

papers in all sections of the country.

This project led directly to another one with a strong public service flavor—the "One for the Road" campaign. It not only created inestimable goodwill for coffee, but actually resulted in additional coffee drinking.

You will recall the advertisement which the Bureau ran in 153 newspapers just before last New Year's Eve. The Esso Standard Oil Co. picked up the theme with an advertisement which ran in 146 newspapers in the territory in

which Esso operates.

As the result of intensive promotion by the Bureau's public relations staff, well-known syndicated columnists were quick to climb on the bandwagon. Editors of hundreds of newspapers, large and small, saw in the theme the basis for editorials. Three radio scripts were widely circulated and return cards which came back indicated usage by better than 100 stations in the United States, and even in Puerto Rico and Alaska. In addition, there were numerous network broadcasts on the theme by well-known personalities, such as Louella Parsons.

#### Quick cooperation

The National Safety Council was quick to cooperate. The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators issued a statement to the Associated Press. Municipalities, too, joined the campaign, with mayors, safety commissioners, and police officials recommending coffee as the "One for the Road." Hotels and night clubs—even gasoline stations—saw the goodwill potential in the program and gave coffee free to their patrons on New Year's Eve.

Another phase of public relations activity which is just now gaining full momentum centers on the coffee break in industry. As you know, and probably from your own experience, coffee drinking at the place of work is fast becoming an accepted business practice. However, very little factual information about this practice was available. Accordingly, the Bureau conducted a study through Fact Finders Associates. (See: "The coffee break in industry," Page 12, Coffee & Tea Industries, February, 1952.) The study definitely established the coffee break as a production tool. A story based on the survey was made available to the major news services, all of whom put it on their wires.

Now, let's be ultra-conservative and see what would happen if we could get that 63 per cent who drink coffee only at mealtimes to drink just one cup at a between-meal coffee break.

If we can get those *mealtime* drinkers to drink *just one* more cup per day at a mid-morning or mid-afternoon coffeebreak, daily consumption would be increased by 52 million cups, or 1,162,000 pounds, based on 45 cups to the pound. And that adds up to 3,815,000 bags of new consumption—over 500 million additional pounds of coffee for the domestic trade to import, roast and sell each year.

There are two things that roasters, particularly, can do that will give the entire program added impetus—and entail

no loss of brand identification.

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your own radio programs.

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# New York News

■ ■ It is becoming a tradition by now (how many years make a tradition?) that June is the month for the New York coffee trade to put aside sample trays and instead pick up golf clubs, soft balls and

If you have your desk calendar handy, flip to June 6th-8th and mark those dates for the week-end party of the New York Green Coffee Association. Note, too, that it will be held at the Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pennsylvania.

Week-enders will recall this site from a previous year. As good as it was then, we have learned via our own pipelines that it is now much improved.

Flip the calendar a couple more weeks to June 24th. Circle that for the annual golf tournament and soft ball game of the green and roast trades.

This event, we are all happy to learn, will again take place at the Hackensack Golf Club, Oradell, N. J.

■ ■ The New York trade had two opportunities last month to see PACB's presentation of the coffee-break drive.

It was given to a meeting of the New York Coffee Roasters' Association and again to the trade as a whole in the grand ballroom of the Biltmore.

The Biltmore presentation was a luncheon gathering with a good attendance not only of roasters and some of their advertising agency people, but also of green men.

Andres Uribe, acting president of PACB, introduced Charles G. Lindsay, manager of the Bureau, who made the presentation.

Also present were Bill Williamson, executive vice president of NCA, and Fred Baxter, of the Robert W. Orr Associates, Inc., the advertising agency handling the drive. This trio-Lindsay. Williamson and Baxter-had road-toured the presentation to more than a dozen cities throughout the country.

■ ■ At the New York Coffee Roasters'

meeting, the session also heard a report on smoke abatement by William G. Christy, Director of Smoke Control for the city. Mr. Christy indicated that his bureau means business in enforcing smoke control, but made it clear that the coffee trade would find him cooperative if the industry itself was cooperative in meeting the smoke problem. He would want reports on progress in this direction, it was reported.

- ■ Three leaders of the United States coffee trade will be sailing for Brazil next month, according to present plans. They are Ed Aborn, of Arnold & Aborn, Inc., Linden, N. J., president of the National Coffee Association; W. D. Roussel, of W. D. Roussel & Co., Inc., New Orleans, NCA vice president; and Bill Williamson, the association's executive vice president. They are planning to spend several weeks in Brazil, conferring with government and trade leaders.
- Looks like the New York and New Jersey branch of the National Metal Trades Association knows a good man when it sees one. At its golden anniversary meeting at the Berkeley-Carteret in Asbury Park, N. J., the organization elected J. L. Robinson president. "Robbie", as he is better known to his legion of friends in the coffee industry, is vice president and a director of Jabez Burns & Sons, Inc., the manufacturers of coffee processing equipment.

Robbie was also recently elected to membership on the executive committee of this national association. In addition, he is chairman of the national membership committee and he heads the eastern regional council of the national organi-

■ Coffee men in this country who like hunting should make the trek to Usumbura, Ruanda Urundi, Africa, and look up Masliah Alhadeff, of S. D. Alhadeff & Co., shippers of Belgian Congo OCIRU coffees.

CAFEDON"

Mr. Alhadeff, who is on a six weeks visit to the United States, is a remarkably modest young man who, with prodding, can be brought around to talking about hunting trips on which he has bagged game from lions on down.

As is true of coffee men here, hunting is only a hobby with Mr. Alhadeff, although he is, other sources tell us, a top-notch hand at it.

Primarily a coffee man, Mr. Alhadeff reports that the new Ruanda Urundi crop, on which picking will start about June 1st, should show an increase of 1,000 to 1,500 tons over last season's total of 11,500 tons. These figures refer to exportable production.

Coffee output in Ruanda Urundi has been steadily increasing, with new plantings up about 20 per cent since the fall of 1949

The quality of Uranda Urundi coffee is highly consistent, Mr. Alhadeff says, for a number of definite reasons. One is the unusual stability of the climate in the Another reason, and the most decisive one, is control on the quality of exports provided by the Office de Cafes Indigenes du Ruanda Urundi-OCIRU, for short-which is headed by Henri Stainier. OCIRU has set up standards and effectively supervises shipments to achieve uniformity from one lot to an-

Belbase (the Belgian Base at Dar es Salaam) is building docks to be completed during the coming year, which will facilitate coffee shipments from Ruanda Urundi, Mr. Alhadeff said.

He also reported that his firm, S. D. Alhadeff & Co., has just built at Usumbura the largest coffee mill and warehouse in Ruanda Urundi. The mill is completely equipped with new, modern machinery.

Mr. Alhadeff, who is accompanied by his wife, is making his headquarters with his brother, Victor, head of the New York branch of the firm.

The brothers are planning to visit the trade in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New Orleans, and will then take a brief vacation at Miami Beach.

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# San Francisco Samplings

#### By MARK M. HALL

. Dull again, or still dull, is what they say on coffee row at this writing. Spots are weak. Coffee is being offered here for less than its replacement value. Stocks are being held by the importer and he may have to do so for another 30 or 45 days. In the meantime, he is computing his interest charges and figuring that the longer he waits the more he will have to get for his coffee, if he wants to break even. Will the market go up or down, just those few necessary points?

As for the roasters, they buy only for replacement. They don't want to buy on contract but look to the brokers who have spot coffee. They figure less risk and the price may be under what they would have to pay in producing countries.

The boys reflect wishfully on the days in '49 and '50 when you could close your eyes, buy anything offered and make money. Now it is a different story. It takes a lot of money, with coffee averaging \$85,00 a bag, to come out with just a few inflation dollars on a deal that runs into five figures.

• Edward Bransten recently spent ten days in Israel for the eJwish Welfare Fund of San Francisco in answer to the United Jewish Appeal for help in putting

nomically. On his way he stopped off at Chicago for a meeting of the directors

- ■ Eugene Hoelter, president of PCCA. presided over a meeting of the association held in Seattle last month, in the Olympic Club.
- ■ James Digman and Mrs. Digman, formerly of the Closset and Devers Co., Portland, were recent visitors in this
- Wallis Riese, formerly buyer with A. Schilling & Co. for many years, is now associated with the Spice Island Co., San Francisco. Frederick H. Johnson, head of that concern, has built his company into one of the important importers and processors of quailty packed spices and fla-vors. It is felt by Wallis's many friends in the trade that he has made a very happy connection
- ■ Instead of the regular luncheon of WSTA at Gino's, the membership joined with the World Trade Association of the Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce to honor the Indian ambassador, Binay Ranjan Sen, at a luncheon at the Gold Room of the Fairmont Hotel. Mr. Sen stated that India holds opportunities for enlightened capi-

talism, and stressed his country's need for such help from the United States. Real hunger is an ever-present problem with

- · According to A. Calvert Moore, of the Mill Engineering Co., his firm has been very active among some of the coffee companies well known to the local people. Their Tempo-Vane has been people. placed in Folger's, Kansas City, Duncan Coffee, Houston, and many others throughout the country. They are also handling the alterations and installation of new equipment for Folger's in San Francisco and the design and installation at the Alexander Balart Co., in South San Francisco.
- ■ Verne Aldrich, who for several years was with Haas Bros., has made a connection with the Bunge Corp. He will assist William Rowe, Jr., in the stepped-up operations of the company in the coffee business.
- ■ Arnold (Bud) Penzil, who for a number of years was connected with the F. H. Tyler Co., has gone over to the Spice Islands Co. It is understood he will handle buying and production.

#### Southern California By VICTOR I. CAIN

■ ■ The Pope & Talbot Lines were hosts last month in the persons of Bill Eigle and Bill Beckett at the Santa Anita race track, with the coffee industry of Southern California as their guests. The (Continued on page 70)

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# New Orleans Notes

#### By W. McKENNON

- William Dalton, general secretary of the American Warehousemen's Association, has returned to Washington, D. C., after a visit here to work with the local committee on its convention plans. The particular problems of the warehousing industry will be discussed at the association's annual convention here, May 4th-8th at, the Roosevelt Hotel.
- E. A. Lafaye is back at his desk at J. Aron and Co., Inc., after a month's illness. We know all of his friends will be glad to receive this news.
- ■ Almond Power, formerly with J. A. Folger & Co. at Houston, Texas, is now with that company's New Orleans office, and members of the trade are welcoming him as a New Orleans Citizen.
- ■ Oscar Z. Levy, Jr., after spending about two months in New Orleans, departed on the Steamer Del Sud for his home in Rio de Janeiro, where he is connected with Vicri. S. A.
- Albert Schaaf of Stewart, Carnal & Co., Ltd., has returned from a business trip.
- ■ George Gernon, of Ruffner, Mc-Dowell & Burch's New Orleans office, recently made a business trip through the Southwestern territory.
- E. J. Klump, of the Mobala Coffee Co., Mobile, was a recent business visitor in New Orleans.
- ■ Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Aron returned to their home in New York after spending the carnival season in New Orleans.

- • L. E. Smith, of Bowers Brothers, Inc., Richmond, was a carnival visitor in New Orleans.
- W. E. Englisbee, of Ruffner, Mc-Dowell & Burch, Inc., New Orleans, was a recent business visitor in New York.
- ■ T. J. Conroy, of the Mississippi Shipping Co., has returned from Chicago where he was a member of the panel on discussion of Foreign Trade at the Chicago World Trade Conference. Others attending from the New Orleans office of the Mississippi Shipping Co. were J. S. Timlin, John Lala and C. E. Becker.
- ■ The trade is happy to welcome back Russell E. Hatfield, who is again at Ruffner, McDowell & Burch, Inc., after a year's absence. Mr. Hatfield was on duty with the Marine Corps and returned to civilian life on March 1st.

#### Denver By F. TUPPER SMITH

■ Walter J. Spray, 87, founder of the Spray Coffee & Spice Co., Denver, died at St. Luke's Hospital, March 12th.

With his brother Edwin, Mr. Spray established the Spray company in 1904 as a wholesaler and retailer of coffee and built it to serve Colorado and parts of the surrounding states. They sold the company in November, 1945, to Floyd R. Pool, but Mr. Spray continued to visit the office regularly until about a week before his death.

He was born June 14th, 1864, on a farm near Bridgeport, Ind., and was educated in Bridgeport and later at Cen-

tral Academy in Plainfield, Ind. His first job was with an ice cream company in Indianapolis, of which he became manager after three years.

Mr. Spray came to Denver for his health in 1889, and after an unsuccessful venture in the hat business became a salesman for the San Francisco Tea Company. Then in 1904 he bought from the Central Savings Bank the coffee store on which his business was founded.

Mr. Spray was an active member and past president of the Denver Rotary club, the Denver Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Presidents' Round Table, and a member of the Denver Chamber of Commerce and of First Plymouth Congregational Church. He was a life member of Lakewood and Mount Vernon Country clubs and the Denver Athletic Club.

He is survived by his wife, his brother, three daughters, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

#### Vancouver By R. J. FRITH

- Jim Murchie, who has developed Murchie's Tea and Coffee business very successfully, was in San Francisco for a short visit with business friends there.
- ■ J. A. McKay, president of the Red Rose Tea and Coffee Co., London, John Brooke, deputy chairman and Vernon Blackwell, director, spent a short time in Vancouver recently, visiting Esterbrooks & Co. Ltd.
- Mother Parker's Coffee is being sold in Vancouver in one-cup size. It is understood here this coffee is being processed and packed in the firm's Winnipeg plant.
- Paul Ruffner, of Otis, McAllister & Co., Inc., San Francisco, was visiting

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friends in Vancouver recently. He says business is not only good for coffee folks in San Francisco but good wherever he has been on this current trip.

- John Castelman, formerly manager of Nabob Coffee, was back in Vancouver for a short visit. This time he had with him O. W. Granicher, whose home town is San Francisco, where J. C. also resides now.
- E. A. Johnson, Jr., came up from San Francisco for a short visit. He is with E. A. Johnson & Co., familiar to every wholesale coffee buyer in Vancouver.
- Retail tea and coffee buyers in Vancouver are asking wholesale processors and packers whether there will be any reductions on list prices. Reason for the retailers' interest is that the cost of the British pound is now down, and the Canadian dollar is now on a close parity to the American dollar, behind which is lagged for some years. There is a tendency for them to overlook increased processings costs. But the new list will be of special interest.
- "store" in British Columbia is the Diestore" in British Columbia is the Diesel motor vessel, "Coast Enterprise,"
  owned and operated by William
  Graham out of North Vancouver. This
  60-footer sells tea and coffee to scores
  of small settlements all the way up the
  Coast, as far as Prince Rupert, and in
  addition, carries a stock of flavorings
  which are always welcome to the cooks
  in the big industrial camps in the remote towns.

#### Chicago By JOE ESLER

- ■ O. H. Duncan of the Central Tea Co. has been elected president of the Chicago Retail Tea and Coffee Dealers Association; John Gardner, vice president, Norman Vuillaume, secretary treasurer.
- ■ Paul Zimmerlin, manager of the Hellyer & Co., Shizuoka plant, returned to Japan on the President Cleveland after a visit to the Chicago headquarters, and a trip to Switzerland to visit relatives. Walter Hellyer will leave for Japan on the April sailing of the same ship.
- The Chicago Coffee Club now has 125 names on the list, largest in the history of the club. The officers for the year 1932 are, Leonard W. Olson, presidine; George W. Kasper and Donald Stewart, vice presidents; Carl B. Strom, secretary; A. E. McNaughton, treasurer. ■ W. W. Williamson, president of
- W. W. Williamson, president of B. F. Gump Co., and his wife are in Los Angeles for an extended visit.
- ■ Jewel Tea opened a new branch in Denver last month. It is one of the largest branches of the company. E. L. Johnson is district manager and Hugh Graul is office manager. General manager Gerbosi, vice president H. W. Dotts, and G. H. Sibley went out from Barrington headquarters to attend the opening.
- Coan Manufacturing Co., Madison Wisconsin reports it is maintaining a 500 yenders monthly schedule, the num-

ber cannot be increased until they secure more raw material.

- ■ Bert Mills Corp., Lombard, Illinois is working overtime, they report, to complete its delivery schedule on Coffee Bar Venders. They report orders are being filed within a five week schedule.
- Earl Cohn was in charge of the Superior Coffee Company's exhibit at the Midwest Hotel show at the Palmer House last month. Among the coffee companies exhibiting were Standard Brands Inc., Continental Coffee Co., La Touraine Coffee Co., Reid, Murdoch Co., Inc., John Sexton Co., and Stewart & Ashby Coffee
- Harry Savage, sales manager of the Stewart and Ashby Coffee Co. and his wife have returned from their Florida vacation.

#### Southern California

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weather was clear and the track fast, but the horses were mighty slow. The affair was well attended, with Ted Lingle, Ray Bradt, Joe Magie, Tom Halpin, Wilbur Curtis, Ed Apffel, Charlie Mack, Jim Duff, Bill Waldschmidt, Bill Morton, John Geiger and Jack Arnold making the stab for a killing. With two exceptions, they were led to the slaughter.

• Clarence Levy was in Los Angeles for a few days calling on the trade.

■ Charlie Nonenmacner, accompanied by his wife, Elinor, flew down to Guatemala for a short vacation. Charlie, being a real hand at piloting the plane, decided it would be better to continue on to San Salvador first, and did so . . . but only because the fog was so thick it precluded any possibility of landing planes at Guatemaa City that day. However, they returned him to his destination not too many hours later. He then began to take notice of the real beauty of Central America.

■ Harry Meyer has joined forces with Jim Duff in calling on the trade of Southern California. Harry, after leaving the Navy in 1946, went with the firm of Leon Israel & Bros., Inc., San Francisco. He had been on the street calling on the trade in that area for some time.

 John Mack has just returned from one of his periodic trips to Central America.

■ Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McCormack and Eugene Moran in the company of his daughter, Mrs. Helen Warren, passed through Los Angeles enroute to the Orient on an extended cruise.

■ ■ Seen having dinner at the Huntington Hotel, Pasadena, were Andy Moseley and his wife, Leona, and his two sisters, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Reimers, who were visiting our fair city from San Francisco.

■ R. E. Williams, Chairman of board of the B. F. Gump Co., Chicago, was in Los Angeles on a visit, combining business with pleasure.

# Coffee served by air lines called "consistently vile"

In a caustic complaint in Aviation Week, Captain R. C. Robson recently rapped the quality of the coffee served by air lines.

"Probably no other class of servers dispenses such consistently vile brew as do the buffets of our modern transports," he declared.

"The reason of course lies with the method. Air line coffee is made in quantity, then placed in thermos jugs aboard the aircraft. But in this seemingly simple process lurk many booby traps and apparently the caterers manage to stumble into each. It does not come out, as good coffee should, clean, fresh and hot.

"Cleaning a thermos is admittedly a difficult task. But several layers of rancid coffee bean oil produce a drink that is difficult to relish. A simple 30-second test can be made here. Taste some water from a thermos. If it tastes like oil then pity the next batch of coffee. So several minutes spent with soap and hot water will do wonders for our first essential—cleanliness.

"The brew must also be of recent vintage. An example here is the general practice of caterers to have the midnight shift make coffee for morning flights. By sunrise, through constant distilling in the urn the brew has reached a potency just short of atomic.

"Having fallen down on the first two items, caterers will attempt to erase these mistakes by putting all the fires of hell beneath their urn. But they have reckoned without the air line thermos. So by the time this stew reaches the lips it may be boiling, lukewarm or frozen, depending upon the condition of the thermos, its heating elements and the time spent in transit to the airplane.

"It is this nectar that says 'Good Morning' to the early commuters on the air line.

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"In all fairness, it should be added that this condition does not last all day. The appearance of the general foreman at the brewery causes a considerable increase in the miles per gallon received from each pound of coffee per urn. Well-seasoned travelers therefore note an alarming reduction in strength per cup as the day wears on. Towards dawn, of course, the consistency again thickens.

"There has been no necessity of late to woo passengers to the air lines. The laws of natural selection have produced a bumper crop of ticket buyers. Some ticket sellers may therefore be inclined to scoff at small measures to improve the attractions on their air line.

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Wilkins Bell Ringers contact consumers at home, quiz those who can show an open can of Wilkins Coffee, and reward the successful ones with a Westinghouse

The promotion, which has been undertaken for the second time following the first 13-week trial last Fall, is supported by radio and newspaper advertising, car cards and point-of-purchase materials informing homemakers "the Wilkins Bell Ringers Are Back!"

Wilkins gives away 50 prizes each weck to the ladies with the answers. A dozen Westinghouse articles are on the list from a \$7.15 clock to a \$329.95 TV set.

Wilkins credits J. A. Folger & Co. with originating the plans on the West Coast, but points out that extra media was added in Washington, it was reported.

#### Coffee, tea spots broadcast for free by New York's WNEW

An intensive day-in-day-out schedule of reminder-to-buy spot announcements, including plugs for coffee and tea, has been instituted by WNEW, New York City, which claims the second largest audience in the metropolitan area.

WNEW believes this is the first time a major radio station has devoted free air time to unsponsored industry-wide promotion.

#### Nescate and Quaker's Oats in joint coupon promotion

A joint promotion has been merchandised on behalf of Quaker's and Mother's Oats and Nescafe.

Each package of Mother's and Quaker Oats appearing on grocery shelves contains a certificate worth 15 cents toward the purchase of Nescafe in either the four ounce or 12 ounce size. Both the Quaker Oats Company, Chicago, and the Nestle Company, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colo., feel that this type promotion will provide the basis for a very economical breakfast in the average home.

This is the first time Quaker Oats has ever featured another nationally advertised and distributed product through coupon insertions in its packages.

#### Coast coffee men

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hotel on Sunday, but the official opening of the convention is Monday May 5th, a day which coffee men use to introduce themselves or renew old acquaintances. The meetings will continue on May 6th and close on the 7th with a formal banquet and entertainment.

President Eugene Hoelter, of Hills Bros. Coffee, Inc., is looking forward to a record attendance.

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